

BEING AN EASTER PEOPLE

Sometimes when we read the New Testament, we forget that everything in it was written by Easter people. Everything in it was written by people on “this side” of the resurrection. Even the four Gospels were written 40 to 70 years after the resurrection. Everything written about Jesus in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John helps us understand what it means to be an Easter People.

When at Jesus’ baptism, “A voice came from heaven, saying “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased,” it is through the lens of the cross and the resurrection.

When the Gospel of John helps us remember: “for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him,” it is a remembrance through the lens of the cross and the resurrection.

When Matthew, helps us remember: “then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’”..... “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” And we remember through the eyes of the cross and the resurrection.

The Backpack Ministry and the Care Connection and Fair Trade and the House of Neighborly Service; The Hoyleton ministries and Uni-Pres Kindercottage and DuBois Center; the Labyrinth, the Upper Room class, even the daily devotional books that are provided are all seen differently, when seen through the lens of the cross and the resurrection.

Share the Good News of Easter in your daily lives and invite others to share in the ministries of Jesus here in this wonderful place know as St. Paul.

Sincerely in Resurrection Faith,
Pastor Bob

CHANGE IN SUMMER HOLIDAY-WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The Board of Worship recently unanimously approved a change in the worship schedule for summer holiday weekends.

This would only include the Sundays of Memorial Day weekend (Sunday, May 28), Independence Day weekend (Sunday, July 2nd this year), and Labor Day weekend (Sunday, September 3).

As with the Christmas Day Service when it falls on a Sunday, worship would be one service only at 10:00 a.m.

So mark your calendars for these summer holiday Sundays.

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2018 (Yes, all seventh graders who will be eighth graders in the fall.)

We will be hosting an informational brunch on **Sunday, April 30 at 10:30 a.m.**, to learn about your faith journey that will be starting soon and to pick out your Faith partner (think about a grownup in the church you aren’t related to and that you would like to get to know better.)

This will also be a time for parents to fill out registrations and learn their role in the Confirmation journey. We look forward to seeing you and answering your questions at the brunch.

Don’t forget to pray today, because I did not forget to wake you up...

----God

I am in awe of how God puts together the mix of people to serve as Consistory at the right time for the “season” of the church. In the recent past, we had those who very faithfully and pragmatically lead us through a land purchase, an addition and renovations. Now that the “season of facilities” is winding down, God has placed together a Consistory with a heart for the ministry of the church. We so enjoyed our time making and serving breakfast for the confirmands, working as a unit to make that morning special for such a wonderful time in their spiritual journey. I most loved when one member suggested we sit together to listen to the Faith Statements. What a great experience sitting together as the church leadership. There is something wonderfully unique with this group of leaders; purposefully leading by example and being present. I feel honored to be serving with such a group.



We want to congratulate the confirmands and their families on this special time in their lives. Speaking of the ministries of the church, it has been a long time since we took a good look as to what our purpose is and our vision for where we want to go. Consistory has worked on this, but our view is much too limited. We are only 12 people out of a family of hundreds, so we need you and invite you into the conversation. **Sunday, May 7, at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**, is our Mission and Vision workshop (we will complete our evening together by 7:30 p.m.) This will be a fun, very painless time to hear what you feel is special about our church and what it is that you feel should guide us into the future. Please join us. Refreshments and child care for all ages will be provided. Look and listen for more information in the coming Sundays.

As always, please feel free to reach out to any one of us. We are here to serve you.

Blessings,
~ The Consistory

What's Happening at St. Paul?

SPECIAL SUNDAYS COMING UP

April 30	Eden Seminary Sunday Mission Moment by Lorin Cope	May 14	Children's Music Sunday
		May 21	Adult Music Sunday
May 7	Holy Communion Guest Preacher: The Rev. Shana Johnson Designated Conference Minister Illinois South Conference	May 28	One Service Only 10:00 a.m. Memorial Day Weekend

JYF:

May 7 – 6 p.m. – Regular Meeting – Youth Center
May 25 – Gateway Grizzlies Family Outing - \$9 per person, **tickets must be ordered from Pastor Kris and paid for by May 11!!**

SYF:

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Remember to bring your friends. They don't have to go to our church; they just have to have a signed permission slip!!!!



Peace,
Pastor Kris

ST. PAUL FAMILY OUTING TO GATEWAY GRIZZLIES GAME Thursday May 25 – 7:05 p.m.

St. Paul Youth invite all St. Paul members to join us at the Grizzlies game. Field box tickets are \$9 per person, **please order and pay for tickets with Pastor Kris by May 11.** Transport available for 22-28 (depending on if we have wheelchairs) on the church van and bus, but parking is free at the ballpark.



Do good! Seek peace and go after it!
Psalm 34:14b

Who is your Super Hero?
Batman, Superman, Underdog,
Spiderman, Ninja Turtles, Power Rangers.....

Come and join us this summer for **Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!**

Come one day in your favorite Hero costume!
We will have a unique opportunity to discover the wonder and wisdom of the greatest hero origin story of all time: The Bible.

We will learn about God's Heroes they:

- *Have Heart
- *Have Courage
- *Have Wisdom
- *Have Hope
- *Have Power

This superhero adventure experience includes music that will energize your ears, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, hands –on mission hero work, delicious snacks, great games and more.

The fun runs from June 5 through June 9. Please mark your calendar for this year's adventure!

To register go to our website: www.stpaulucc4u.org
The first forty families receive a music/games CD.

Last year it took 32 adults and 20 youth volunteers to minister to our children during this week.

Join our Hero team now so that we can start planning a powerful, exciting and adventurous vacation bible school!

Wanted: Leaders who want to explore the Word of God with children.

We are limiting the youth volunteers to 25! Hurry up and get your name added to the list.....

- Four preschool helpers- Emma Mehrmann

- Four craft helpers-Paige Brunkhorst, Colleen Jackson, Grace Trowbridge,
- Two recreation helpers –Hayden Habermehl
- Four science helpers - Casey Avise-Rouse
- Two mission helpers -
- Two story teller helpers-
- Four children helpers – Madison Mehrmann,
- One sound board helper-
- One Presentation technology helper-
- One newsletter/ website helper-

All youth and adults volunteers will need to attend one training class:

Sunday, May 21 & May 28 at 10:30 a.m. or
Wednesday, May 24 & May 31 at 6:30 p.m.

If you would like to be on this hero team please contact:
Denise Johnson

denisej@stpaulucc4u.org or 618-340-2952

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Kids Crew Mission Pasta Dinner! We enjoyed fellowship, pasta, salad, desserts and skits by the Kids Crew! We raised \$642.00 for Kindercottage. Yeah!

WORSHIP PICNIC – JUNE 11

This year our Worship Picnic will be a celebration of the Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God! Vacation Bible School (June 5-9).

9 a.m. worship will be in the sanctuary as usual; 10:30 a.m. worship will be held in the Eagle's Wing and will be followed immediately by the picnic. Superhero t-shirts & other gear strongly encouraged!!

Watch your worship bulletin in the next few weeks for details on the food and fun as well as the cost.

If you can help with setup on June 10, please contact Pastor Kris in the church office.

We hope to see you there!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9 am Preschool 7 pm St. Paul Band	3 9 am Preschool 9 am Festive Ringers 2:30 pm After School Program 6 pm Bells of Joy 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	4 9 am Preschool	5 8 am Quilters	6
7 Local Church Mission Fest Rev. Shana Johnson preaching 9 am Worship, Children's Classes 10:30 am Worship, Adult Study Group 6 pm Vision and Planning Meeting 6 pm JYF	8	9 9 am Preschool 7 pm St. Paul Band	10 9 am Preschool 9 am Festive Ringers 2:30 pm After School Program 6 pm Bells of Joy 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	11 9 am Last day of Preschool 7 pm Cemetery Board	12 8 am Quilters 5 pm DuBois on Broadway at Four Points Sheraton, Fairview Heights	13
14 Mother's Day Children's Music Sunday 9 am Worship, Children's Classes 10:30 am Worship, Adult Study Group	15 6:15 pm Finance Committee 7 pm Consistory	16 Pathfinder Articles Due 7 pm St. Paul Band	17 9 am Festive Ringers 6 pm Bells of Joy 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	18	19 8 am Quilters	20 9:30 am Labyrinth Workshop
21 Adult Music Sunday 9 am Worship, Children's Classes 10:30 am Worship, Adult Study Group VBS Training	22 7 pm Book Discussion Group	23 7 pm St. Paul Band 7 pm Board of Christian Education	24 10 am Out & About 6:30 pm VBS Training	25 JYF/SYF Gateway Grizzlies	26 8 am Quilters 8:30 am Assemble Board of Evangelism - Rest Stop at Welcome Center	27 Board of Evangelism - Rest Stop at Welcome Center
28 9 am Worship, Children's Classes 10:30 am Worship Adult Study Group VBS Training Board of Evangelism - Rest Stop at Welcome Center	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30 7 pm St. Paul Band	31 6:30 pm VBS Training	Walking the Way of Wisdom Labyrinth Workshop for the Columbia Community Labyrinth - a ministry of St. Paul, with Rev. Dr. Martha Brunell Saturday, May 20, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Learn about labyrinths and the traditions of "walking meditation." Explore how you may grow spiritually through this Way of Wisdom.		

City of Columbia Warning System Update

The City of Columbia, in partnership with the Columbia Fire Protection District, recently purchased a new outdoor warning system. The new system will consist of 5 strategically placed alarms and will provide distinctive tones for fire and severe weather warnings. The 5-siren system will provide coverage to areas previously out of range of the existing 3 sirens.

Installation is tentatively scheduled for the end of April, but is dependent upon the delivery of all equipment, as well as favorable weather for the installation of the poles onto which the equipment will be mounted. Columbia's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) will be conducting informational sessions in the near future. Dates, times, and locations for the training will be posted on the City's website.

Columbia EMA also encourages residents to access the Weather Alert application via the City's website and register their cell phones, land lines or email addresses in order to receive severe weather alerts.

Weather Alert Link: <https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/E4A1DADB51FB>

If you have further questions regarding the new outdoor warning system or the Weather Alert applications, please contact: Wes Hoeffken at 618-281-7144 ext. 120 or ema@columbiaillinois.com



**Out
&
About**

May 24 -

Leave church at 10 a.m.

Eat lunch at the restaurant of choice on So. Grand Ave. in St. Louis

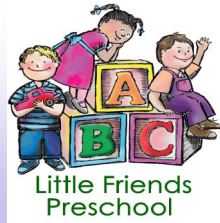
Tour the Magic Chef House of Russell Blvd STL at 1 p.m.

Stop at Ted Drewes on the way home

Cost is \$15 for tour, \$5 van fee and lunch on your own

What's Happening at St. Paul?

Little Friends Preschool is now enrolling for all classes for the 2017-2018 school year. If you, or someone you know is interested, please contact Jody Taake at 618-604-1949.



MISSION AND VISION WORKSHOP

Sunday, May 7, 6 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
Refreshments and childcare provided.
Please join us! We need your insight.

All meetings will be held the Fourth Monday evening at 7 p.m.

- May 22 – *News of the World*
by Paulette Jiles
- June – *Small Great Things*
by Jodi Picoult
- July – *A Man Called Ove*
by Bachman



The Board of Evangelism will be hosting a Rest Stop at the Monroe County Welcome Center at the south end of Columbia, during Memorial Day Weekend Friday, Saturday and Sunday May 26, 27 and 28. We are planning on Labor Day Weekend, also. We are looking for members to help work with us to man the rest stop serving drinks and food. There will be a sign up with schedule in Welcome Lobby.

For more information contact Paul Straub 618-719-6715

We had another successful rummage sale Friday & Saturday thanks to all the help in setting up, organizing and cleaning up afterwards.



Some of the things we had for sale were 6 strollers, 5 pet carriers, 9 ceiling light fixtures, over 60 mugs, 5 pirate ships and several tables full of toys and jigsaw puzzles. We sold a Grandmother Clock kit, several table & chair sets, couches, chairs, other furniture, household items and Christmas decorations. We sold an exercise weight machine that has had 3 lives (so far). It was donated to us several years ago, purchased and then used by a second owner. This year the second owner donated it back to us and now has been sold to a third party.

We passed 2 coffee pots to the church kitchen to replace 2 old ones and storage containers for the Meal Makers. At the end of the sale we once again separated toys for Kindercottage, old bedding and towels for Monroe County Humane Society, vases to Memory Lane, metal and electrical items to the Columbia Boy Scouts. They scrap metal and use the funds for their High Adventure trips. The remaining household items went to Nice Twice Thrift Shop.

We had a couple from Kentucky who were excited to be able to fill their truck full of toys to take back to the kids in their family and neighborhood. They even came back later and found more items to buy. Another lady from Cape Girardeau was a basket maker for vintage craft shows. She admired and bought 2 of our largest baskets and was planning on carrying her supplies in them. A third shopper was a policeman for St. Clair County. He bought a binder full of baseball cards which he plans on passing out to kids as a means of building rapport with them.

The fun of setting up the rummage sale, is not knowing what we are going to find. This year someone donated the five Peanut's characters wireless musical band similar to what Pastor Bob used in one of his Christmas children's message. In researching, we found that it had become a valuable collector's set. It sold for almost double the original value.

Due to all your donations and the hard work of all the helpers, our sales this year amounted to \$5086.80, the highest amount yet. Combining the sales from the seven years the rummage sale has been in the Eagle's Wing, the total amounts to \$30,000.

Thank you all again for your support and help.

Sarah & Carlyle Wilde

BRINGING YOUR CHILDREN TO CHURCH IS IMPORTANT

As pastors, we sometimes wonder if we make a profound difference in the lives of our youth, particularly in Confirmation. Then we receive the following.

A letter from a parent:

You can tell how effective a church service was by the amount of conversation post-service from a 13 year old. After the Good Friday service, my teen had a ton of questions and conversation about the service last night. It intrigued and frightened this teen at the same time. The message was powerful and my teen was definitely engaged. Looking me square in the eye, this teen asked: "Dad, why have you never taken me to that service before!" I reminded my teen that we had been to at least two, but apparently was not paying attention to the word! Sure is nice to have them maturing and seeing their awakening as they grow up. Thank you for everything you do!! Happy Easter!!

SUMMER CAMP AT DUBOIS CENTER...

is a unique experience, full of opportunities to unplug and grow in faith - face to face. **Do It for the Vine.**

Registration forms may be found in the church office; or for more information go to www.DuBoisCenter.org

Note: St. Paul covers half of the cost of sending your child to camp. Fill out the registration form, send your half of the camp fee to DuBois Center, make a copy of the registration form and turn it in to the church office. Give your child the gift of a faith-filled summer camp experience this year.

More camp opportunities may be found on the website...

www.DuBoisCenter.org

DuBois on Broadway

May 12 - 5 pm

**Four Points - Sheraton Conference Center,
Fairview Heights, IL.**

Hoyleton Youth & Family Services Golf Classic

Friday, July 14, 2017

Tamarack Golf Course, O'Fallon, IL



In Honor & Memory

BACKPACK MINISTRY

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Redinger

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Sandy Kirkpatrick

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Elaine Heatherly

GENERAL FUND

In honor of Evelyn Stumpf's birthday, given by Marcia Sheer

GOD'S LITTLE MEAL MAKERS

In appreciation for funeral Luncheon, given by the Hutson Family

MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES

Donation given by Bart Robbins

In memory of Betty L. Gummertsheimer, given by Earl Gummertsheimer & family

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. John C. Gummertsheimer, given by Earl Gummertsheimer & family

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Gummertsheimer, given by Earl Gummertsheimer & family

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Gulley, given by Earl Gummertsheimer & family

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. John A. Reichert, given by Earl Gummertsheimer & family

In memory of Billy Wayland, given by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Searfoss

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Mary Lou Kitowski & Darlene Ostendorf

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Barbara Bell

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Stephen Pettit family

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Mr. & Mrs. Dale Ritter

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Ray & Rose Anne Bense

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Metter

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Mr. & Mrs. Dan Herrmann

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Ruby Asselmeier & family

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Mr. & Mrs. Clancy Richey & family

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Bill Sewell & Ruth Robertson

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Mr. & Mrs. Don Flowers

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Stiegman

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Wenzel

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Mr. & Mrs. Syl Kleinschmidt

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Ostendorf

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Mr. & Mrs. Allen Schutt

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Richter

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Chris Stemler

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Helma Kleinschmidt

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Ken & Judy Ostendorf

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Clyde

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Killy, Jr.

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Fries

RENOVATIONS - BUILDING A BRIDGE CAMPAIGN

In memory of Billy Wayland, given by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kirkpatrick

In honor of Evelyn Stumpf's birthday, given by Mary Lynn Harres

In honor of Evelyn Stumpf's birthday, given by Shirley Asselmeier

In honor of Evelyn Stumpf's birthday, given by Erlene Bretzlaff

In honor of Evelyn Stumpf's birthday, given by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lewis

In honor of Evelyn Stumpf's birthday, given by Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Stumpf

In honor of Evelyn Stumpf's birthday, given by June Campos

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Doris Wilson

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Erlene Bretzlaff

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Judy Rickey

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wegner

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Rev. Kris & Nicole Avise-Rouse & family

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Mr. & Mrs. Alan Dooley

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Counce

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Evelyn Stumpf

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Dee Steppig

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Mr. & Mrs. Dana Montgomery

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Mr. & Mrs. Gig Giffhorn

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Mueller

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Notter

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hoy

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Killy, Jr.

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Crosley

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Mr. & Mrs. Darryl Gerstenecker

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Kenneth & Joann Harvey & family

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Jack Harvey & family

In memory of Herbert Stemler, given by Barbara Harvey & family

In memory of Lucille McKinney, given by Howard Rhodes

In memory of Lucille McKinney, given by Edna Dell Weinel

In memory of Lucille McKinney, given by Mr. & Mrs. Myron Hanna

In memory of Lucille McKinney, given by Mary Smugala

In memory of Lucille McKinney, given by Bill Ogg

In memory of Lucille McKinney, given by Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Crosley

In memory of Pearl Halleran, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ken Harbaugh

In memory of Pearl Halleran, given by Mary Fassel

In memory of Pearl Halleran, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Mueller

In memory of Pearl Halleran, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ken Burgdorf

In memory of Pearl Halleran, given by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lewis

In memory of Pearl Halleran, given by Lorraine Hoffman

SPECIAL MUSIC

In memory of Lawrence Hutson, given by Mr. & Mrs. Sam Habermehl

Our Members in Senior Living

Garden Place Of Columbia

480 DD Rd.
Columbia, IL 62236
618-281-4200

Alice Haberlah
Leona Hoffman
Mary Keller
Bruce Soehnl
Jerlene Stone
Nira Probstmeyer
Leola Schueler
Roy and Edna Taake

Garden Place

735 Columbia Ave.
Waterloo, IL 62298
618-939-4900

Florence Haberl - Apt. 9
Gene Haller - Apt. 15
Ellen Kuergeleis - Apt. 29

Legacy Place

526 Legacy Dr.
Waterloo, IL 62298

John & Arleen Schmiskie

Art Baltz - Apt. 201

Friendship Village
12501 Village Circle
St. Louis, MO 63127
314-270-7201

Gladys Ludwig

Magnolia Terrace
623 Hamacher St.
225 Tupelo
Waterloo, IL 62298

Betty Lou Carle - Apartment B7

Our Lady of the Snows
726 Community Drive
Belleville, IL 62223

Arthur Rueck - Room 186

Brooking Park
307 South Woods Mill Rd.
Chesterfield, MO 63017
314-313-6811

Our Members in Nursing Homes

Columbia Rehab and Nursing Center

253 Bradington
Columbia, IL 62236
618-281-6800

Vera Eschmann
Dorothy Klein
Anne Manson
Alvira Miller
Maureen Mueller

Oak Hill Nursing Home

623 Hamacher St
Waterloo, IL 62298
618-939-3488

Dolores Alspach
Wilbur Gummertsheimer
Dorothy Harres
Edna Montanye
Mary Russell
Chester Schmidt
Ruth Strayhorn
Dixie Stumpf
Viola Wetzell
Helen Wilde

Cindy Baumann

Granite City Nursing & Rehab
3500 Century Dr., #215
Granite City, IL 62040-2166
618-504-0637

Marilyn Harres

Room #216-B
C/O NHC Maryland Heights
2920 Fee Fee Road
Maryland Heights, MO 63043



Our Members in Nursing Homes

Freeburg Care Center

C/O Betty Mann
746 Urbanna Dr.
Freeburg, IL 62243

Audrey Heintz

Manor Grove
711 S. Kirkwood Rd.
St. Louis Mo. 63112

Military Prayer List

Nathan Schnittger

U.S. Army
Nephew of Cathy Huels

Roberto DeMarquez

Army National Guard
son of Ursula DeMarquez

Marine LCpl.

James K. Combs

Son of Jim & Debbie Combs

Sean Parrin

Army National Guard - Qatar
nephew of Jody & Jeff Taake

Brandon Fritz

U.S. Coast Guard
son of church secretary,
Cathy & Cory Fritz

This month St. Paul received thank you notes from.....



Uni Pres Kindercottage for the \$1,000 sponsorship for their Improv Night Fundraiser

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR MANY

I asked for strength...And God gave me difficulties to make me strong.
I asked for wisdom...And God gave me problems to solve.
I asked for prosperity...And God gave me a brain and energy to work.
I asked for courage...And God gave me danger to overcome.
I asked for love...And God gave me troubled people to help.
I asked for favors...And God gave me opportunities.
I received nothing I wanted, but I received everything I needed.
May we thank God for these blessings. Amen

Every one of us has crosses that we bear in some form. May this prayer help along the way!!

COME GET THE BEAT!!! Mary Sue Schoellhorn has invited all seniors to the Golden Gathering May 4 from 2 -3 p.m. at the garden level of the Immaculate Conception Church. Rich Cullen, a band favorite over the years will be the entertainment with refreshments served. This is a great way to see old friends and a short time to get away!!



RECYCLE!! Remember to recycle items for our church collection but if you have large items of aluminum, appliances, steel, anything with an electrical cord or motor, electronics, computers, but no large box TV's, the boy Scout Troop 320 will come to your home to pick up any items. Boy Scout Tyler Hoguet, 281-8963, is a member of the church and will make arrangements or call Scout Jake Weidenbenner 618-340-1376. The money they earn is used for the troop's High Adventure Trips which have included Colorado and Alaska.

CAREGIVER REFERRALS!! A list is being prepared for local help as it may fit your individual need. Look for it soon! If you have a situation, please talk with the pastors or Joanne Counce 281-5066.

FINANCIAL REPORT

	March		Year to Date	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
Revenue				
Tithes & Offerings:				
Pledged & NonPledged	32,644.00	28,369.00	97,753.50	96,583.00
Misc. Contributions	7,383.32	3,080.00	10,298.17	4,497.00
Interest Income	0.00	0.00	572.77	461.65
Endowment Interest Income	0.00	0.00	13,074.44	13,011.09
Rental Income	413.00	305.10	959.00	935.30
Misc Income	737.19	840.69	1,561.07	1,402.81
Total Revenues	41,177.51	32,594.79	124,218.95	116,890.85
Expenses				
Personnel	39,925.86	40,505.13	91,137.40	92,349.79
General Expenses	18,052.79	9,917.93	29,983.51	29,336.53
* OCWM	<u>2,327.76</u>	<u>2,530.48</u>	<u>6,555.08</u>	<u>3,706.71</u>
Total Expenses	60,306.41	52,953.54	127,675.99	125,393.03
Net Receipts	(19,128.90)	(20,358.75)	(3,457.04)	(8,502.18)
RESERVES			59,129.50	54,100.60

*2017 OCWM
10,000.00 out of St Paul Mission
(833.33 monthly)

**RENOVATIONS
CONSTRUCTION LOAN**

	Interest	Principal	Principal
Columbia National Bank	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	6,758.39	0.00	313,604.66

Attendance

DATE	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL
3/1			124	124
3/5	128	61		189
3/8			63	63
3/12	128	60		188
3/15			54	54
3/19	136	61		197
3/22			57	57
3/26	128	67		195
3/29			80	80

Deaths

Herb Stemler
Born: October 16, 1926
Died: April 1, 2017

Lucille McKinney
Born: July 22, 1914
Died: April 2, 2017

Rose Franke
Born: May 4, 1930
Died: April 6, 2017

Pearl Halleran
Born: April 11, 1926
Died: April 8, 2017

Perfect Attendance

Preschool	Molly Harres	Becca Cleary	Daniel Lechner	*Gig Giffhorn
*Betty	*Kelly Hancock	Michael Cleary	Morgan Seals	
Gummersheimer	Junior High	Jakob Hoffman	Cory Stumpf	*denotes teacher
Rotation	Jack Augustin	Jarod Hoffman	Christine Wallace	
Emery Harres	Natalie Busch	Mason Kohlenberger	Mickey Wallace	

To those that helped with the Pathfinder: Don and Charlotte Freeland, Elaine Heatherly, Helma Kleinschmidt, Dee Steppig, Shirley Asselmeier and Pastor Bob

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WORSHIP SERVICES	Sundays, 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
FELLOWSHIP TIME	Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.
NURSERY	Provided for the 9:00 a.m. Services
HOLY COMMUNION	1st Sunday of every month
ADULT CLASSES	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

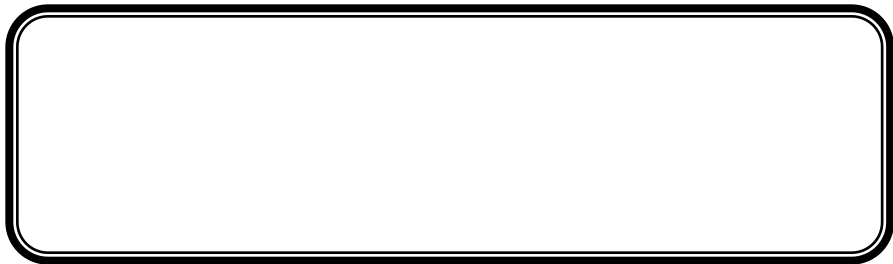
CHURCH SCHOOL	9:00 a.m. (Nursery through adults)
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - Wednesdays (Sept. - May)	2:30 p.m.
CHOIR PRACTICE -	Wednesdays (Sept. - May)
Children's Choir - 4:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir - 7:30 p.m.
HANDBELL CHOIRS -	Every Wednesday (September—May)
Alleluia Ringers - 3:45 p.m.	Festive Ringers - 9:00 a.m.
Bells of Joy - 6:00 p.m.	

MONTHLY MEETINGS*

Board of Christian Education - 7 pm.....Six times a year, as needed
 Board of Evangelism, 7 pm.-Quarterly - 3rd Wednesday of the month
 Board of Missions & Stewardship, 7 pm,1st Monday of the month
 Board of Worship, 7:00 pm,.....3rd Monday of the month (as needed)
 Cemetery Board, 7 pm,..2nd Thursday of the month
 Executive Committee, 6:15 pm - Monday, 2 weeks prior to Consistory
 Finance Committee, 6:15 pm,.....prior to Consistory
 Property Management Committee, 7 pm,.....1st Monday of the month
 St. Paul Consistory, 7 pm2nd Monday of the month
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