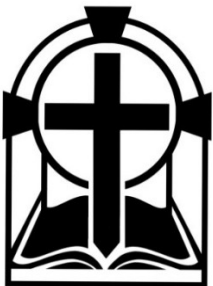




Great Unfaithfulness
Great Faithfulness

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
June 30, 2024



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod
Columbus, Indiana

Welcome to St. Paul!

We are glad that you have come to God's house to be fed and strengthened by His holy Word. The order of service for today is printed on the **insert** in this bulletin. Guests, we extend a special welcome to you this morning. We are privileged to have you as our guest today and encourage you to worship with us again soon.

The Family Quiet Room and Restroom are located outside the doors of the sanctuary and to the left. In the Family Quiet Room, you can hear and see the service. **Assisted hearing devices** are available for the service. Please contact an usher.

Do you need prayer support? Please call Bonnie England at 812-392-2732 to activate our **Prayer Chain**. Your fellow church members will pray for you.

Our Communion Practice: We invite and encourage those who have been instructed, confirmed, and confess the faith of this congregation and other congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to receive the Sacrament. Communicants at this altar acknowledge their sins, believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, and desire the Spirit's help to turn from their sins.

Those who are not communing are invited to come forward and receive a blessing by placing their arms across their chest.

If you have questions regarding our Communion teaching and practice, please speak to a pastor.

Communion Preparation: To prepare for the Lord's Supper, you may wish to pray the prayer on the inside cover of the hymnal or review the Christian Questions and Answers on pages 329-330.

Today's Christian Education Opportunities

Little Ones (infants-three years old) in the nursery for a Bible lesson and activity.

Children's class (fifth grade and younger) meets in the third-fourth grade Sunday School room

SPY and C4Life Youth meet for a study led by Pastor Fickenscher

Today's adult study is led by Kantor Dan Mau on the topic: *Looking Back to Move Forward*

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Naomi Lewis

10:45 AM Service Russel Chun Escalante

Church Calendar

Today	Take-Home Walking Taco Kits available after each service 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
Monday	7:00 PM Grants and Finance Committees
Tuesday	10 AM-Noon Orphan Grain Train Workday
Wednesday	Shut-in Visit Day 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service
Thursday	Independence Day—Church Office Closed
Saturday	10:00 AM VBS Decorating
Next Sunday	Mite Box Sunday Phone Call Committee Training after each service 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School/KfC Event 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

SIGN-UP TO SERVE...

- + Vacation Bible School (sign-up using the QR code or in the gathering space)
- + Fellowship Hour Host
- + Extending Christ's Love Phone Calling Committee

ON THE TABLE IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

- + July-September Portals of Prayer
- + New edition of Lutheran Women's Quarterly

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES... This morning Kantor Mau concludes our current study with the topic *Looking Back to Move Forward*.

On Sundays, July 7th and 14th, Pastor Fickenscher will be leading a study on the service of Matins.

On Sunday, July 21st, we will begin our Extending Christ's Love study, exploring what the Bible teaches about receiving Christ's love and then responding to His love by extending His love to others.

The Order of Divine Service

Prelude

Trumpet Tune in C—M. Shepperd

Welcome and Announcements

Please complete the Record of Fellowship.

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn

God of Our Fathers

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all the starry band.
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies: Our grateful songs before Your throne arise.
Your love divine has led us in the past; In this free land by You our lot is cast;
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen ways.
From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence Make Your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase; Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
Refresh Your people on their toilsome way; Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with heav'n born love and grace Until at last we meet before Your face.

Confession of Sins

please stand

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us pray. Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 33 (selected verses)

P Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

C For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.

P Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

C For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.

P The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He frustrates the plans of the peoples.

C The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.

P Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

C The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

P The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

C Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hymn of Praise

946

Salutation and Collect for the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry Your Son Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love toward You that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.** *please be seated*

Old Testament Reading

Lamentations 3:22-33

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."

The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; let him put his mouth in the dust— there may yet be hope; let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though He cause grief, He will have compassion according to the abundance of His steadfast love; for He does not afflict from His heart or grieve the children of men.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

[Paul writes:] We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

please stand and speak together

☞ Alleluia! The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Mark 5:21-43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the fifth chapter.

☞ Glory to You, O Lord.

And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about Him, and He was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing Him, he fell at His feet and implored Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." And He went with him.

And a great crowd followed Him and thronged about Him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, "If I touch even His garments, I will be made well." And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in Himself that power had gone out from Him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?" And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched Me?'" And He looked around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While He was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." And He allowed no one to follow Him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when He had entered, He said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at Him. But He put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with Him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand He said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And He strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles Creed

☞ I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

please be seated

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

559

Sermon

Great Unfaithfulness; Great Faithfulness

Lamentations 3:22-33

Recognition of Those Who Served

+ Deceased; * Buried in St. Paul Cemetery

P Let us give thanks to God for this land with all its chartered liberties:

C **We give You thanks, O God.**

P For leaders in nation and state and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

C **We give You thanks, O God.**

P For those who served their country, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

C **We give You thanks, O God.**

Civil War

Christopher Heinrich Nolting +*

Johann Karl Heinrich Nolting +

World War I

Edward Arnholt +*

Elmer Arnholt +

Henry Arnholt, Jr. +*

Otto Arnholt +

Peter Daum +*

George Fischer +*

Jessie Fischer +*

Carl Nolting +

Henry Nolting Sr. +*

Marcus Nolting Sr. +*

Carl Reinking +*

Frank Runge Sr. +*

Clarence Scheidt +

Clifford Scheidt +

Martin Schulz +*

William Siekmann +*

Alfred Steinkamp +*

Ernest Tucker +*

Alfred Wehmeier +

Carl Wehmeier +

Elmer Wehmeier +

Carl Wichman +

William Wichman +

World War II

Carl Arnholt +*

Edwin Arnholt +*

Francis Arnholt +*

Louis Arnholt +*

Paul Arnholt +

Walter Arnholt +*

Ken Christopher +

Lillie Mae Christopher +

Wayne Coy +*

June Coy +*

Gerald Davis +*

Mirko Drnjevic +*

Robert Eggersman +*

Alvin Fischer +*

Henry Fischer +

Karl Forster +*

Paul Forster +*

Earl Grayson +

Reuben Hartke +*

Virginia Hartke +*

Don Heiwig +*

Wilbur Hoeltke +*

Miles Kirchner +

Glenn Krieg +*

John Meier +*

Ray Miller +*

Robert Nau +*

Earl Nolting +*

Marcus Nolting +*

Morris Nolting +

Ross Osborn +

Harry Peters +

Raymond Reed +*

Frank Runge Jr. +*

Francis Scheidt +*

Herschel Scheidt +

Edwin Schuette +

Walter Terkhorn +*

Leonard Urbahns +*

Robert Zurbrugg +*

Service Men and Women

Raymond Arnholt

Richard Arnholt +*

Marvin Boggs

Jim Cleary

Ray Cline

Don Coffey

Michael Curry +*

Randy Dettmer +

Robert Donica

Larry England

Michael England

Wilbur England

George Forster +*

Lynn Forster

Jerry Foster

Andrew Gossett

Mark Grimes

Mary Hackman +*

Ray Hall

Wil Harner +*

Matthew Hartke

Gerald Helt

Jim Hinds

Noah Hoeltke

Ron Hoenner +*

Glenn Hughes

Tom Jackson

Danny Johnson

John Jones

Sariina Kalli

Art Killey +*

Larry Kitchin +

Mike Koester +*

David Lange +*

Harold Loyd, Jr.

Garrett McGaha

Paul Meier

Ron Neawedde

Delano Newkirk

Jim Newton +

Carl Nienaber +*

Don Nolting +*

Max Nolting +*

Seth Patterson

Ben Pence +*

Garrett Pevlor

Jim Probst

Brian Purdue

Art Ramsey

Matthew Runge

Robert Runge

John Sasse

Colin Scheidt

Don Scheidt +

Royce Schuette +

John Schnur +*

Dean Schroer +*

David Schwartzkopf +

David Shaffer

Pastor William Stache

Don Strietelmeier

John Tellman +

Elizabeth Tucker

Lorraine Whitson

Richard Wilcox +*

Gene Wint

Mike Yeley

P (*please stand*) Let us pray. O almighty God and most merciful Father, we remember these Your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength. Help us to be faithful citizens of this land, loving You and serving our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

G Amen.

Prayers for our Nation and Church

P Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from Your gracious hand. We come before You today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

G We thank You for enabling us to worship You in freedom and to serve You without fear.

P You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

G For all these blessings, we praise and glorify You.

P Look with favor upon our nation and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

G Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

P Strengthen our economy and our financial institutions. Bless our fields with sunshine and rain in due season that they may produce an abundant harvest. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

G Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on You.

P Strengthen the homes of our nation. By Your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

G Give us faithfulness to fulfill the tasks You have given us.

P Lord of the nations, in Your power You guide all kingdoms of this world and yet in Your love You graciously provide for the needs of every person. We pray that You would grant healing upon all who are sick (including...), comfort all who mourn (including...), and help to sustain the poor and hungry.

G Use us Lord, to help others in need.

P Almighty God, extend Your kingdom of grace in this country and around the world. Continue to raise up more workers to serve in Your harvest field. Bless all missionaries and missions of Your Church. Grant Your blessing upon our congregation. Strengthen us by Your Word and Sacrament to faithfully follow You and to freely serve our neighbor in love.

G Help us to fear, love, and trust in You above all things.

P To You, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

G Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

please be seated

Offering

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Service of the Sacrament

please stand pages 208-210

Distribution

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Visitors: Please read the Communion Statement on the inside front cover of the bulletin.

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

please stand

P Let us pray....one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

P The Lord bless you...give you peace.

G Amen.

Closing Hymn

965

Postlude

The Rejoicing, from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*—G. F. Handel

Great Unfaithfulness; Great Faithfulness

Lamentations 3:22-33

Great is...

...the unfaithfulness of the n_____ of Judah.

...the unfaithfulness of our n_____.

...o_____ unfaithfulness.

Great is the L_____ faithfulness!

His steadfast love never c_____.

His mercies are both n_____ every morning and e_____.

The greatest revelation of God's faithfulness is the c_____ of Christ.

Since our LORD's faithfulness is great, in times of trial we w_____ and h_____ in Him.

Next Sunday's Readings Ezekiel 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Mark 6:1-13

LIVING THE SERMON... God is faithful in spite of our unfaithfulness. After hearing about the life of Thomas Chisholm, composer of the hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, consider how God was faithful to him even during affliction and trial. Consider your own life. How has God been faithful to you? How has His steadfast love and mercy been revealed to you, even in times of suffering and sorrow?

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Rejoice in your God's great faithfulness! Confess your unfaithfulness, seeking the mercy of Christ. Pray for our nation and our leaders, that as a nation we would turn to the Lord in repentance and faith. Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower you to witness to God's great faithfulness in your life and conversations.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *But [Jesus] said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."* 2 Corinthians 12:9

Youth Events

Today, June 30th

Take Home Taco Kits will be available for a donation after each service until they are gone.

Next Sunday, July 7th

KfC Event during Sunday School hour, Children fifth grade and younger are invited to prepare the skit for Monday of Vacation Bible School.

Friday, July 12th

SPY and C4Life youth are invited to stay after the conclusion of VBS for lunch and then an afternoon of fun at Racin' Mason Fun Zone in Seymour.



Vacation Bible School

July 8-12; 9:00-11:30 AM



Go to stpaulcolumbus.org/vbs2024 or use the QR code to:

- + Register your child(ren) ages three-sixth grade.
- + Volunteer (youth and adults). Volunteers can also sign up on the in the gathering space.
- + ***Invite others to attend!***



Extending Christ's Love

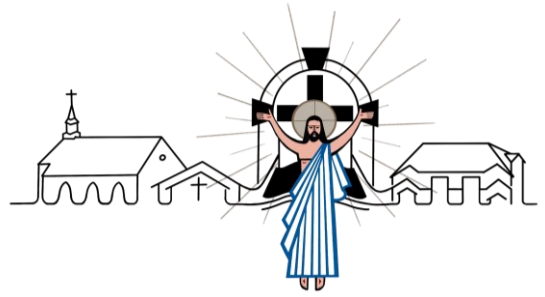
Grant Funding—A Tremendous Blessing!

To reach our \$9 million campaign goal, we will all need to give sacrificially, proportionately, and cheerfully. However, our pledges are one of many sources of funding. Our Grants Committee has been working hard to apply for grants to support this project. Within the past few weeks, we were approved for a \$25,000 Center for Congregations Grant to help with architectural fees. The Center for Congregations is a division of the Eli Lilly Foundation.

In addition, since we are building a school, we will be receiving a \$100,000 School Safety Grant to be used for any expenses related to school safety: security doors and cameras, fire security, sprinkler system, playground fencing.

Since we are constructing the early childhood ministry, we are eligible for a number of grants. We are thankful for those who are investing their times and efforts to research and apply for these grants.

Please continue to pray for our Extending Christ's Love campaign. Please also pray for God's wisdom and guidance as you consider your support for Extending Christ's Love.



Opportunities to Serve

Phone Calling Committee: Today is the last day to sign-up to serve on the Phone Calling Committee. Please sign-up in the gathering space or by speaking to Skip Taylor.

Food Donations for Celebration Weekend: Volunteers are needed to prepare Italian casseroles and desserts for the congregational meal on Saturday, August 17th and quick breads are needed for the fellowship hour on August 18th. Sign-up to serve in the gathering space.

Mark your calendars for these important dates!

Next Sunday, July 7th—Phone Call Committee Training

After both services, there will be a training session for the Phone Call Committee in the Conference Room. If you cannot attend next Sunday, the training will also be offered on July 14th or you can contact Skip Taylor to set up an alternative time.

Sunday, July 14th—Extending Christ’s Love Sermon Series Begins

Paul’s letter to the Ephesians is all about the love of God. Beginning July 14th-September 1st, we will focus on this powerful Epistle, rejoicing in Christ’s love for us and through the Word being empowered to extend Christ’s love in our daily callings.

Sunday, July 14th—Prayer Vigil Host Training

Those who will be serving as hosts for the Prayer Vigil will have a brief training session at 9:15 AM in the Conference Room. If you cannot attend, please contact Pastor Bauman.

Sunday, July 21st—Extending Christ’s Love Bible Study Begins

Please plan to attend this Bible study as we explore what the Bible teaches about receiving Christ’s love and then responding to His love by extending His love to others.

Saturday, August 3—Prayer Vigil

Please set aside thirty minutes on this Saturday morning or evening to come and pray for our congregation and submitted prayer requests. Prayer times are 8 AM, 8:30 AM, 9 AM, and 9:30 AM, and 5 PM, 5:30 PM, 6 PM, and 6:30 PM.

Saturday, August 17—Commitment Service of Thanksgiving and Celebratory Meal

At 5 PM, we will gather for a thirty-minute service of praise and thanksgiving where the pledges that have been offered will be dedicated to the Lord. Following the service, we will enjoy a meal together. The menu is a variety of Italian casseroles, garlic bread, green salad and toppings, applesauce, cottage cheese, desserts, and drinks. At the conclusion of the meal, the total amount pledged to that point will be announced.

RSVP for the meal: Please sign-up for the meal by Sunday, August 11th in the gathering space or on the church website: stpaulcolumbus.org.

Sunday, August 18—Celebration Sunday

Our Extending Christ’s Love celebration continues at our Sunday services on August 18th and with an extended fellowship hour.

Testimonials

During the coming weeks, our brothers and sisters in Christ will be sharing their reasons for supporting Extending Christ’s Love. Today’s testimonial is from Carolyn Wilkerson:

About 2008, I started looking for a church. I didn't want to hear any more words that were just words. I wanted to hear what was God's words. One of the churches I visited was St. Paul Lutheran. It was not the first church I had visited. I had been going to different churches for about three months. So I made up my mind it was going to be the NEXT one I visited. I decided to come back again and again. I knew this was the church I had been looking for. Before long I knew I wanted to become a member. My next step, was to find out if I had ever been baptized. I could not find any records that had happened. I spoke to Pastor Bauman about my concern. He had an answer...he would baptize me. I was worried about being baptized, maybe for the second time. He said it was no problem and it was much better to be sure.

St Paul has been so good to me in many ways. I joined the church and truly believe that it was the best decision I ever made for myself. So many lessons about: God, faith, forgiveness, love, family, friends, service, and life. I am so glad to see the start of another addition to the church. To me, it means more families coming and learning about God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. I want to say how very blessed I am to be a member of this church that continues to grow with new members.

Prayerfully Consider

Extending Christ’s Love is an ambitious project as we seek to meet the current and future needs of our congregation. As we prepare to offer our pledges in August, prayerfully consider how you can support this endeavor. The pledging period is 5 years and 4 months/277 weeks. A weekly gift for 277 weeks can become a significant pledge to help us reach our \$9 million goal.

Questions? Please contact Extending Christ’s Love Co-chairs: Colin and Linda Scheidt or Dalton and Libby Workman.

IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering: Nancy Dyer, Bob Runge, Kay Newton, Kathy Hoover, Jill Scheidt, Karen Hendershot, Debbie Schroer, Jill Hoeltke, Gloria Schultz, Pam Jenkins, Jill Many (Cindy Hendershot's daughter), Dylan Eaken (South Decatur student), Marcell Williams (Bridges' friend's mother), William Leitshuh (Cleary's friend), Julie Phillips (Bonnie Nolting's sister), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), Lisa Benes (Kruger's friend), Kyle Huckaby (Koester's friend), Erica Gretzinger (Jennifer Dougherty's cousin), Naomi Gillespie (Haak's great-niece), Rick Sapper (Cleary's brother-in-law), Julia Carmichael (Kathy Harner and Nancy Lipka's cousin), Lauren Brewer (Kathy Harner and Nancy Lipka's niece), Lucy Boyd (Hinds' neighbor); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Noah Hoeltke and Michael Mullins (friend of the Sperry's)

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WORK DAY... is **this Tuesday, July 2nd** from 10 AM-noon at the Jonesville Warehouse. Volunteers are always needed Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 AM-3 PM. The warehouse will be closed July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Donations can be dropped off at any time at the warehouse. The after-hours drop-off trailer is located on the east side of the warehouse.

VBS DECORATING... Help is needed for decorating for Vacation Bible School. Adults and youth are invited to join us **this Saturday, July 6th** at 10 AM.

CONNER FORBES ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION... Conner Forbes, son of St. Paul members Greg and Chris Forbes and grandson of Darlene Bower, will be ordained and installed **next Sunday, July 7th** at St. James Lutheran Church in St. James, New York. Please pray for Pastor-elect Forbes and his wife Emmi and the St. James congregation. Cards of congratulations and encouragement can be mailed to: St. James Lutheran Church, 230 Second Avenue, St James, NY 11780.

AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE... is **Monday, July 8th**.

VBS CLOSING PROGRAM... You are invited to attend the closing program for VBS on **Friday, July 12th** at 11 AM. The program will be followed by an ice cream social.

LAKEVIEW MINISTRIES TOWN HALL... You are invited to attend a town hall to hear from supporters and create a vision for the future of camp. The forum will start with a brief presentation of the staff's plan for Camp Lakeview, Lakeview Villages, and Lakeview Springs. This will be followed by small group discussions to get feedback from attendees. Sandwich platters and snacks will be served 30 minutes before the forum begins. Two forums will be offered: **Saturday, July 13th** at Immanuel, Seymour and **Sunday, July 14th** at St. Peter's, Columbus, both beginning at 12:30 PM. If you plan to attend, please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/RUZvgc48HPXicoVa7>

HARVEST MISSION... is every **second and fourth Sunday** of the month through October. This mission allows you to extend Christ's Love in two ways: to share extra produce from your garden with your church family and to share in the bounty of others, and to make a donation for these items if you are so inclined. Donations collected will go to St. Paul's Food Pantry to help pay for milk, eggs, meats, etc.. If you have any questions, or would like to help with this mission, please contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142.

ECM STAFFING NEEDS... Our early childhood ministry is growing! For the 2024-2025 school year, we are seeking a kindergarten teacher assistant Monday-Fridays mornings. Also needed are classroom and extended care helpers, substitute teachers, and substitute teacher assistants. For more information or to apply, please contact Director Jen Probst.

ECM OPENINGS... For the 2024-2025 school year, seven openings remain in the Little Lambs (three-year-old) class, and four openings remain in the kindergarten class. The Doves class (four-year-old) is full and a waiting list has been started. For more information or to register: visit stpaulcolumbus.org/ecmregistration.

WISH LIST... Every November, we publish a Wish List of needed items for mission and ministry. Thanks to your generosity all the items, except for one, were sponsored by the end of 2023. The only item remaining on the Wish List are the books and resources for Faith Milestones which are presented to our Sunday School students on Rally Day. **\$2,800** is needed for these resources. If you would like to support this endeavor, please use your Designated Offering envelope and indicate it is for "Faith Milestones." If you have any questions or want

more information, please contact Sunday School Superintendent Katie Arnholt.

NEW FINANCIAL SECRETARY... Rachel Fohne has agreed to serve as our financial secretary. We are thankful for her willingness to serve even as we are grateful for Melissa Pevlor's service in this position these past years.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE... We are thankful that Jill Scheidt has returned home for continued rehabilitation. A meal train site has been created to provide meals for Randy and Jill twice a week. If you are interested in serving in this way, please visit mealtrain.com/trains/7z9wk1 to sign-up for a day to provide a meal.

Jill and Randy are thankful for your ongoing prayers, cards, and words of encouragement.

CHURCH HVAC UNITS TO BE REPLACED... All six of the church HVAC rooftop units were damaged by hail. An insurance claim was filed, and we received \$43,141 for repairing the units. At a special Council meeting last Sunday, the Council approved a motion to apply these insurance funds to the replacement of all six units. Total replacement cost is \$134,295 so the general fund expense after insurance is \$91,154. Since the units are more than 15 years old, Council members concluded the best stewardship of our resources was applying the

insurance funds to replace rather than repair the units. As a church family, we will need to be generous in our regular offerings to overcome this unexpected, unbudgeted expense. If you have any questions, please contact a trustee: Dan Schroer, Steve Potter, or Corbin Oliver.

THANKS TO... everyone who worked at the taco barn and everyone who enjoyed a walking taco at the fair. Thanks also to everyone who are taking home walking taco kits this morning. We are so grateful for your support for our youth ministry!

THANKS TO... Caleb Abshire for playing the trumpet today.

NOTE OF THANKS... Thank you to Eric and Linda Scheidt and Dan and Taffy Schroer for helping Susan and I get me to and from church on June 23rd. Thank you to the Pastors and congregation for prayers and concerns. - God Bless, Kay and Susan Newton

The Response of God's People

Last Sunday, June 23rd

Divine Service Attendance: **344**; Communion: **255**
Offering: **\$8,540.36** Needed Weekly: \$15,397
Extending Christ's Love: \$25
Additional Gifts: \$105 Radio Ministry

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