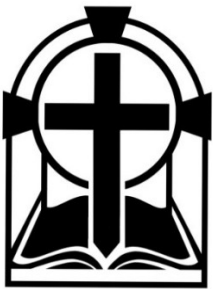


And I am sure of
this, that he who
began a good work
in you will bring it to
completion at the
day of Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:6

Completing What He Started

Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 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 **812-447-7895** 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

First Steps of Faith (Infants and Toddlers with a parent)
Sunday School classes for ages three-sixth grade
Confirmation Instruction (grades 7-8) led by Pastor Patterson
Sr. High Youth in the Youth Room led by Mrs. Probst
Signs, Symbols, and their Meaning led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room.

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Tabitha Hall
10:45 AM Service Jesse Wofford

Church Calendar

Today	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 Noon Lunch Noon Gingerbread House Icing Making 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 12:15 PM Confirmation 1:15 PM Jr. Handbells 1:45 PM Choristers 5:00 PM Fellowship Room Reserved 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
Monday	January Newsletter Deadline 9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10:00 AM Small Group Handbells
Tuesday	Circuit Pastors Meeting at St. Paul 10:30 AM Divine Service
Wednesday	9:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Gingerbread House Assembly 10:15 AM Matins Service 5:30 PM Sr. Handbells 6:45 PM Advent Service 7:30 PM Sr. Choir
Saturday	Church Reserved
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IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

- + 2025 Offering Envelopes
- + January-March *Portals of Prayer*

2025 FLOWER CHART AND RADIO MINISTRY SIGN-UP...

are posted in the gathering space. Radio sponsoring for our worship service and the Lutheran Hour is \$105 per Sunday.

Second Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Freu' dich sehr, o meine Seele—G. Böhm

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ring of the Bell

Opening Hymn

Choir sings stanza four

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Confession of Sins

please stand pages 184-185

Introit

from Luke 3:4 and Psalm 81

P The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." Hear, O My people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to Me! I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. But My people did not listen to My voice; Israel would not submit to Me. Oh, that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways!

G *(all sing—page 186)* **Glory be to the Father and to the Son...**

Kyrie

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The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent. The service continues with the Salutation and Collect for the Day.

Salutation and Collect for the Day

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P The Lord be with you.

G *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G *(sung)* **Amen.**

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1-7a

"Behold, I send My messenger and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, He is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of His coming, and who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear Me, says the LORD of hosts.

"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes and have not kept them."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 1:2-11

[Paul writes:] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I

hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

please remain seated for the Verse of the Day

Verse of the Day sung by the choir

Lift Up Your Heads, O Gates—David vonKampen (Psalm 24:7)

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

please stand Luke 3:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the third chapter.

G (sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G (sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Choir sings stanza two

334 stanzas 1-4

Sermon

Completing What He Started

Philippians 1:2-11

Offering

334 final two stanzas—top of the page

Prayer of the Church

please stand

Service of the Sacrament

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Distribution

347 stanzas 1-3, 343, 354, 346

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

The *Gloria in Excelsis* is omitted during Advent. Advent is a penitential season as we prepare for the birth of our Savior. The *Gloria in Excelsis* begins with the song of the Christmas angels: *Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth*. We will refrain from singing this hymn of praise in our liturgy during Advent until we come to Christmas and join with the angels in rejoicing in our Savior's birth.

Completing What He Started—Philippians 1:2-11

Take Home Point: Our God always c_____ what He starts. He always f_____ what He begins.

During Advent, we remember and rejoice that God completed the most important task of all—the

s_____ of the world.

God promises to complete His g_____ w_____ that He has begun in you.

God's good work in your life is His good work of g_____.

God's good work in us have both a vertical (relationship with God) and horizontal (relationship with others) dimension:

In our relationship with God: increase in k_____ and d_____ so we may approve what is excellent.

In our relationship with others: I_____ would abound more and more and filled with the f_____ of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ.

God is working on us, in us, and through us, even during t_____ and afflictions.

On the L_____ D_____, God's good work will be complete in us.

Next Sunday's Readings *Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 7:18-28*

LIVING THE SERMON... Rejoice in your God who accomplished the salvation of the world through Jesus and will complete and accomplish the good work He has begun in you. Consider how you can increase in knowledge of God's Word and abound in love and righteousness in your relationship with others.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Give thanks for our God who always completes what He starts. Pray for those who live apart from His salvation and those who have resisted and rejected His good work of grace in their lives. Pray that they would return to the Lord in repentance and faith so that God's good work would be accomplished and completed in their lives.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *And [Jesus] answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. Luke 7:22*

Poinsettias

Thanks to all who donated poinsettias to beautify our church this sacred season.

Marvin and Joyce Boggs
Jim and Kathy Brock
Bob and Karen Burbrink
Gloria Gelfius
Marybeth Glick

Bill and Pat McKale
Chad and Debbie Sims and family
Skip and Kris Taylor
Eddie and Jessica Vogel
Joe and Ellen Weaver

Joshua Weichman
Phillip and Connie Weichman
Henry and Lois Wischmeier
Mike and Wilma Yeley

In Memory Of...

Our parents, Ralph and Donna Thomas and Kenneth and Marjorie Arnholt, from Joe and Susan Arnholt
Ken Bense from Julia Bense
Erica Greathouse from the Branamans
Gary Brown from Marilyn, Nola and Pat Brown
Betty and Leslie Baugher from Beverly Campbell
Jon Gillespie, Randall Chandler and Tom Mattingly from Brent, Kim and Ruthie Chandler
Marie Cullen, Charles and Etta Faye Forster and Walter and Wilma Sasse from Tom and Shanda Cullen
Chris Hiatt and Randy Dettmer from Jeff and Jennifer Dettmer and family
Teresa Essex from Rachel Essex
Daily, Ruth and Ken Ziegler and Evans and Maryjane Hoeltke from Dennis and Janice Hoeltke and family
Wilbur and Lorena Hoeltke from Lynn and Beverly Hoeltke
Diane Jackson and Ken Miller from Tom Jackson
Bryan Shane Sutton from Danny and Sandy Johnson
Our parents from John and Gail Jones
Nancy Maslowski and Jason Maslowski from the Kalli family
Connie Colgate from the Linke family
Clive and Helen Pankow and Homer and Fern, Jim and Michael Newton
from Kay and Susan Newton and Loisann Ayala
Max Nolting from Catherine Nolting and family
Don Nolting from Lucy Nolting and family
Larry Nunn from Mary Ann Nunn; Jason, Lisa, Emma and William DeBord
Jean Heller from Pastor and Tammy Patterson
Ben Pence from David and Melissa Pevlor and family
Charles and Etta Faye Forster, Walter and Wilma Sasse, and Hans Gunter and Edith Lichte
from John and Donna Sasse
Don and Harriett Scheidt and Keith and Beulah Thompson from Eric and Linda Scheidt
George and Joanne Gordon and Virgil and Bettie Scheidt from Warren and Molly Scheidt
Our parents from Dan and Taffy Schroer
Kristi Jo Wessel from Don and Debbie Schroer and family
Virgil Seifer from Ethan and Jennifer Seifer
H Gene Strietelmeier from Don, Scott, Renee and Jacob, Suzanne Strietelmeier, and Paul and Sara Nash
Bonnie Risk from Scott and Renee Strietelmeier
John Tellman from Marie and Jan Tellman
Harold and Lois Voelz and Erika and Earl Miller and John Gottfried from Steve and Jan Voelz

In Thanksgiving For...

The gift of our children, Adam and Sarah, from Brian and Jackie Arnholt
Our grandchildren, Parker and Crew, from Joe and Susan Arnholt
Our family and church family from Pastor and Michelle Bauman
Lee Ann and Ray Anspaugh, David and Sandy Bense, Josh and Jen Mohr,
Mark and Pam, Anna, Jon and Gayle and Vera Wint from Julia Bense
Our church family from Jim and Nora Cleary
God's unfailing love from Wilbur and Bonnie England
Our Savior's birth from Greg and Christina Forbes
God's many gifts from Gerald and Judy Helt
Dave and Vicki Howarth from Jacob and Victoria Howarth
Our family and church family from Johnny and Sandy Lagneau
Daniel Mau and the gift of church music from Jean Mau
My family from Cristian Rendon
All the Rendon family: Reyes and Carlos, Christian, Francisco, Nancy, Zaid, Jaslin and Yadir
from Francisco and Salustia
The pastoral care, prayers, meals and Christian care and concern after our surgeries this past year
from Don and Debbie Schroer
Children and grandchildren from Jeff and Claudette Schroer
Lisa Seckman from Steve Seckman
Jacob Strietelmeier from Scott and Renee Strietelmeier
Our grandparents from the Vogel kids
Josiah and Abbi Wofford's first Christmas from Joseph and April Ann Wofford

In Honor Of...

Our faithful pastors and staff from Mike and Mary Bridges
Doug Feller from Paul, Sarah, Emma and Lily Gibson
Sadie's sixth birthday from Jordan and Kacey Patterson
Our parents from Colin and Linda Scheidt
Our grandchildren Austin, Brewer, Maxine and Madeline Scheidt from Tim and Janice Scheidt

Advent and Christmas Special Services and Events

Wednesdays, December 11 and 18: 6:45 PM Midweek Advent Services

Next Sunday, December 15: 3 PM Christmas Caroling; 5 PM Christmas Family Fun Night

Thursday, December 19: Early Childhood Ministry Parents Day; 8:20 AM Chapel

Saturday, December 21: 5 PM Posadas Service and Fiesta

Sunday, December 22: 9:30 AM Grades 7-12 Christmas Party in the Education Building

10:45 AM Children's Christmas Service; Rehearsal is Saturday, December 21st 9-10:30 AM

7:00 PM Christmas Concert; 6:40 PM Pre-Concert Harp Recital

Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24: 5:30 PM Candlelight Service; Pre-Service Carol Singing at 5:10 PM

10 PM Candlelight and Communion Service; Pre-Service Carol Singing at 9:40 PM

Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25: 10 AM Festival Communion Service

Christmas Celebration Sunday, December 29: 9:30 AM Together as Family Day

New Year's Eve Tuesday, December 31: 5:30 PM Divine Service

Epiphany Celebration Sunday, January 5: Divine Services with Installation of Officers



Extending Christ's Love

Christmas Wall Hanging: Congratulation to Bev Hoeltke who placed the winning bid of \$375 for the Christmas Wall Hanging. Thanks to Marilyn Brown for her donation. If God has blessed you with special gifts of time, talent, or treasure that you desire to employ to support our Extending Christ's Love Campaign, please contact Finance Committee Chair Phil Burbrink.



We are extremely thankful for your generous donations these past months. The fulfillment portion of our campaign officially began September 1st. Thanks to your generosity we have already exceeded more than \$500,000 in gifts and donations!

The Building Committee continues to meet with architect Kevin Stuckwisch on design development.

Upcoming Youth Events

KFC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger) Our

December all Youth and Family Event is Christmas Family Fun Night **next Sunday, December 15th**. Christmas caroling to our shut-ins is at 3 PM with supper, activities, and gingerbread house decorating beginning at 5 PM. *Please bring some candy to share for gingerbread house decorating!*

SPY (high schoolers) and C4Life (sixth-eighth grade)

Today: Youth not in confirmation class are invited and encouraged to remain for lunch after second service and help make the icing for the gingerbread houses. Pick-up is 1:15 PM.

Next Sunday, December 15th: Christmas Family Fun Night—Join us at 3 PM as we spread the joy of Jesus' birth to our shut-ins by Christmas caroling. At 5 PM, we will enjoy supper, activities, and gingerbread house decorating. All youth will be able to decorate their own gingerbread house.

Sunday, December 22nd: Youth in grades 7-12 will have their annual Christmas party in the education building during the Sunday School hour. Youth are to bring "silly socks" as their gift to share. Who will bring and who will go home with the silliest socks!?

Saturday, January 4th: Our seventh and eighth grade confirmands will be traveling to the Creation Museum leaving at 10 AM. Permission slips are due next Sunday, December 15th.



Friends are always welcome at our youth events!

Financial Peace Begins January 12th

**FINANCIAL
PEACE**
University

Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past! Listen—there's a better way! Join our *Financial Peace University* class, and we'll learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future together! The class meets for nine Sundays at 9:30 AM from January 12th-March 9th.

Much of the cost for class materials has been covered. We are requesting \$10 per participant. Pre-registration is necessary to order materials. Sign-up by Sunday, January 5th by contacting Crista Burbrink (812-216-1982 or cristaburbrink@gmail.com) or Rachel Fohne (812-343-3786 or rnolting@alumni.iu.edu).

IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering: Nancy Lipka, Maddy Dougherty, Kay Newton, Kathy Hoover, Lynn Hoeltke, Jan Sherbundy, Bob Runge, Jill Scheidt, Pam Jenkins, Laurie Walsdorf (Cleary's friend), Kristina Hargitt (Kim Chandler's friend), Amy Cockburn (South Decatur principal), Dale Christophel (Ray and Pat Hall's friend), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father), Cora Waterman (Mark Wint's mother), Jim Baute (Jeff Booher's uncle), Annie Walton (Holly Wischmeier's coworker's daughter), Marcelle Williams (Bridges' friend), William Leitshuh (Cleary's friend), Naomi Gillespie (Haak's great-niece); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Noah Hoeltke, Evan Rickus, Michael Mullins (Sperry's friend), Sam Studler (Kalli's friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

PRAYER LIST UPDATE... Our prayer list has been updated. We gladly lift up in prayer all who are in need. If you or a loved one was removed from the prayer list and is still in need of our prayers, please email Mackenzie Wint at secretary@stpaulcolumbus.org or write a note and give it to one of the pastors or Mackenzie, and we will pray for them.

CALL DECLINED... As announced last Sunday, Pastor Bauman declined the call to serve as pastor at First Trinity Lutheran in Bloomfield, Nebraska. Please continue to pray for First Trinity and for all congregations who are without a pastor.

SUNDAY LUNCH MENUS...

Today: Chicken Sandwiches
Next Sunday, December 15: Taco Bar
December 22 and 29: No Lunch Served

GINGERBREAD HOUSE ASSEMBLY... SPY and C4Life Youth (not in confirmation class) and all youth parents are invited and encouraged to remain after the 10:45 AM service **today** for lunch and to make the icing for the gingerbread houses.

Volunteers are needed to assemble gingerbread houses **this Wednesday, December 11th** beginning at 10 AM. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated!

NEWSLETTER AND BULLETIN DEADLINES... The deadline for the January newsletter is **tomorrow, December 9th**. The deadline for both the December 29th and January 5th bulletins is **Monday, December 23rd** at 8 AM. The church office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24th-Friday, January 3rd.

MIDWEEK ADVENT COMMUNION SERVICE... **This Tuesday, December 10th**, we will host the Aurora Circuit Pastors Conference. You are invited to attend the Divine Service which begins at 10:30 AM.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES... *To Us...Is Given* is the theme of our midweek Advent and Christmas season services. During Advent, we will be looking at the names of the Messiah as found in Isaiah chapter nine. The remaining Advent services are on **Wednesdays, December 11th and 18th** at 6:45 PM.

KIKAI ORCHESTRA CONCERT... St. Peter's, Columbus invites you to a concert featuring the Kikai Orchestra **this Saturday, December 14th** at 1:30 PM at the church. The concert will feature a variety of Christmas tunes as well as other classical pieces.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND FAMILY FUN NIGHT... is **next Sunday, December 15th**. Caroling begins at 3 PM. Young and old, are invited to join us as we share the good news of Christ's birth and bring Christmas cheer to our shut-ins. Please meet at the church.

Family Fun Night begins at 5 PM with a supper of hot dogs, sloppy joes, veggies with dip, baked beans, chips, cookies, hot chocolate, and drinks served by the Tri-W, devotions, Christmas activities, and gingerbread house decorating. *Please bring bags of candy to share and invite others!*

INSTALLATION INVITATION... Faith Lutheran, Columbus invite you to the installation service of Pastor Josiah Fitch **next Sunday, December 15th** at 4 PM. We rejoice that God has provided a shepherd for His people at Faith and we pray God's blessings upon Pastor Fitch, his family, and his ministry at Faith.

ECM PARENTS DAY... is **Thursday, December 19th**. You are invited to join our students and their families for chapel that begins at 8:20 AM. Due to Parents Day, the church office will be closed.

POSADAS SERVICE AND FIESTA... On **Saturday, December 21st** at 5 PM, our Latino outreach will be hosting Las Posadas Service. This is a traditional service in Latin America that recounts Mary and Joseph's difficulty in finding a place to spend the night on the first Christmas. A fiesta will follow the service in the fellowship room, with Mexican cuisine, rice, and drinks provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Although the service will be in Spanish, a bilingual bulletin will be provided. This would be a good way for you and your family to experience Latino culture and food.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE... *Love Extended*, based of the hymn *God Loves Me Dearly*, is the theme of our Children's Christmas Service on **Sunday, December 22nd** at 10:45 AM. Please plan to attend as our children share the good news of God's love through Word and song. Due to the Children's Service, Communion will be offered following the service.

Rehearsal for the Children's Service is **Saturday, December 21st** from 9-10:30 AM.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Bauman or Katie Arnholt.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT... You and your friends are cordially invited to attend the annual St. Paul Christmas Concert, **Sunday, December 22nd** beginning at 7 PM. A pre-concert harp recital by Dr. Heaven Fan will begin at 6:40 PM. Directed by Dr. Michelle Louer, the Second Presbyterian Church Beecher Singers and Orchestra will present their ninth Christmas concert at St. Paul. Organist will be Dr. John Allegar.

TOGETHER AS FAMILY DAY... **December 29th** is our Christmas Celebration Sunday. As part of our

celebration that day, we will gather together as a church family for Sunday School led by DCE Jennifer Probst. Please plan to attend as we celebrate together the gift of Christmas!

CONCORDIA COUNSELING MATCHING GRANT... Thanks to all who contributed to the Concordia Counseling \$50,000 Matching Grant. If you would like to make a contribution, you may send your gift by mail to Concordia Counseling, 504 North Walnut Street, Seymour, Indiana 47274. You can also make a donation online at concordiacounseling.org. All gifts received by **next Sunday, December 15, 2024**, will be matched dollar-for-dollar.

The Response of God's People

Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27th

Divine Service Attendance: **132**; Communion: **110**

Last Sunday, December 1st

Divine Service Attendance: **313**; Communion: **252**

Sunday School Attendance: **171**

Offering: **\$12,621.84** Needed Weekly: \$15,397

Extending Christ's Love: \$51,818

Additional Gifts: \$2,100 SGO Donations; \$62 Helping Hands

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