

St. Paul Epistle

The Monthly Newsletter of St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday Schedule

8 AM Divine Service

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Radio Worship Service/91.1 FM

10:45 AM Divine Service

English and Spanish

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

7 PM Lutheran Hour/91.1 FM

Prayer Chain

Bonnie England
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Dear Church Family,

As I write this article, today is the final day of school for our Little Lambs preschool class. Soon we will gather with our preschoolers and their families for closing chapel and special activities. I rejoice in the countless opportunities we have been given to extend Christ's love to these little ones and their families throughout this school year.

Today is also Ascension Day, forty days after Easter. His saving work complete, our Lord ascends into heaven where He lives and reigns as King forever. Before His ascension, Jesus sends His disciples forth as His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Through the proclamation of repentance and the forgiveness of sins in His name, they were to reach out with the unconditional and sacrificial love of Christ.

As we move into the summer months, we will have countless opportunities to extend Christ's love. Please pray for the following outreach opportunities and also consider extending Christ's love by serving in any of the following ways:

- **Neighborhood Information Distribution:** Beginning June 2nd, we will go out into the neighborhoods surrounding the church to distribute information about Vacation Bible School, our church and early childhood ministry. Consider signing up for one or more routes so that our neighbors can be invited to receive the love of Christ with us.
- **Taco Barn at the County Fair:** By working a shift at the taco barn, not only are you Extending Christ's Love by supporting our youth ministry, but we are intentional about using the taco barn to its fullest evangelistic potential by sharing information about our church, school, and VBS. This year we will have improved signage so that fairgoers will be able to learn even more about our church.
- **Vacation Bible School:** Please invite and encourage families you know to send their children to our VBS July 8-12. If you are able to volunteer, please sign-up to serve. Even if you can't serve the entire week, please come and help out as you are able.
- **Early Childhood Ministry:** This coming school year will be our highest enrollment ever for our early childhood ministry. Many of our classes are almost full. Please share information about our school so that we can fill every seat with a child so that we can reach even more children and families with Christ's love.

It is an exciting season in the life of our congregation as we embark on Extending Christ's Love, the final phase of our Thirty-Year Master Plan, the construction of the Christian Education Center. If you are reading this before May 19th, I invite and strongly encourage you to attend the Extending Christ's Love Awareness Forum which will be held during the Sunday School hour on the 19th where the leaders of the capital campaign will share information about the project, the timeline for the campaign, and answer any questions. If you are reading this after May 19th, I hope you attended the Awareness Forum, and if not will review the materials that were shared. Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events related to Extending Christ's Love:

- Sundays, July 14-September 1: Extending Christ's Love Sermon Series based on Ephesians.
- Sundays, July 21-August 11: Extending Christ's Love Bible Study
- Saturday, August 3 from 8-10 AM and 5-7 PM: Prayer Vigil—Come and pray for our congregation and early childhood ministry, and for prayer requests submitted by church members.
- Saturday-Sunday, August 17-18 Commitment Weekend. We will gather as a church family on Saturday, August 17 at 5 PM for a thirty-minute worship service where we will celebrate Christ's Love and offer our pledges, followed by a congregational meal. For those unable to attend, you may turn in your pledge card before August 17th or in worship on August 18th.

Above all, continue to pray for our congregation that we would remain faithful to our Lord and His Word and continue to Extend Christ's Love in word and deed!

In Christ's Love to Extend Christ's Love,

Pastor Bauman





Musical Notes

Oh, that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me.

(LSB 811, Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices, stanza 1)

Johann Mentzer (1658-1734) studied theology in Wittenberg and was first appointed to a parish as pastor in 1691. He was a prolific hymn writer but only two of his hymns are contained in our hymnal- LSB 647, Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head, and LSB 811. One of the characteristics of his hymnody is vivid imagery, which is clearly portrayed in the great hymn of praise, Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices. Imagine the sound if each member of our congregation could sing unto the Lord with 1000 voices, rejoicing in the greatness of the wonders God has done for us! This hymn literally overflows with joy, thanksgiving, and adoration—all giving thanks to God alone for the excellence of His creation! The fourth stanza calls out for everyone to join in singing to the glory of God, our almighty Creator:

All creatures that have breath and motion,
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,
Help me to sing God's praises high.
My utmost powers can never quite
Declare the wonders of His might.

The last two phrases- *my utmost powers can never quite declare the wonders of His might*- are really amazing to meditate on. We can't even put into words the greatness of God's glory and strength! All glory be to God alone—now and forever!

Thanks to all our choirs and musicians for their time, talents, and dedication this past year in cradling the Word of God through the church's song. I'm looking forward to resuming rehearsals in August!

In Christ's love,

Dan



Sr. Handbells are on summer break and will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 7, at 6:00 pm.

Sr. Choir is on summer break and will resume rehearsing on Wednesday, August 7, from 7:00-8:15 pm.

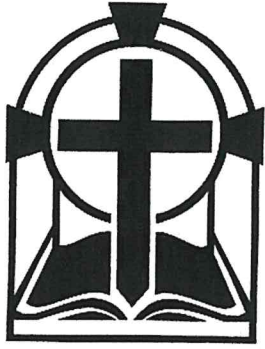
Jr. Choir is on summer break and will resume rehearsing on Sunday, August 11, from 9:30-9:50 am.

Small Group Handbells are on summer break and will resume rehearsals on Monday, August 19, at 11:00 am.

Jr. Handchimes, Jr. Handbells, and Choristers will resume rehearsing on Sunday, August 18, times to be determined.

If you are interested in more information or have questions, please contact me at (church) 812-603-8960, (mobile) 812-927-9319, or email

kantor@StPaulColumbus.org



Early Childhood Ministry

Included in the outline of the St. Paul's stewardship report to the congregation are the labels, "People We Serve" and "People Who Serve Us." The fourth standard listed for the National Lutheran School Accreditation addresses the people who serve us. Beyond the legal requirements needed for employment, it is important to provide for the staff's needs so they can focus on supporting the various areas of student learning.

The vocations within education encompass the notion of being a life-long learner. Students teach educators what they know, so they can help children achieve the next level of learning. The number of things an educator needs to learn about child development continues to grow as new research directs developmentally appropriate practices in achieving required benchmarks for learning. Most importantly, the staff at St. Paul are tasked to participate in the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 18-20) by teaching our children what God instructs us in His Word.

To ensure that our teachers continue to learn, it is important that their education reflects their responsibilities. We want to make sure we offer the staff opportunities for professional development. The staff needs to be made aware of trending issues and practices related to student support. Above all, we want to make sure our staff is connected to Jesus, so they can reach out with God's love to serve our students.

~Blessings,

Jen Probst, ECM Director

Serving our Students

Our school is always on the lookout for people who have the heart and the interest to serve our little children. With the growth of our student body, St. Paul ECM has openings for additional help. Please contact Jen Probst if you are interested in any of the following positions:

Afternoon Extended Care

To serve parents who have full-time employment, we offer students the opportunity to participate in Extended Care on their class days. During this time, students and adults share a lunch, enjoy playing outdoors, take time to rest, and engage in special activities. Extended Care help is needed from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Times can be adjusted based on need.

Preschool/Kindergarten Aide

Aides serve as important supports for student learning. Aides support classroom learning, prepare student resources, allow for personalized instruction, and help create an optimal educational environment. Aide assistance is needed in the mornings. Days can be adjusted based on need.

Substitute Teacher – fill in and help as needed.



- Students and Staff on Summer Break
- Feel free to schedule a tour



16 to 18 – Summer Administrator's Conference
30 – Staff beginning of year meeting

Home Visits

Towards the end of July, teachers begin scheduling home visits. It is important for staff to build a relationship with students and their families. Visiting with a family at their home provides students a non-threatening place to share what is important to them. This is also a great time for families to talk about the personal goals they have for their child(ren) over the coming school year.

~Reaching out with Christ's love to serve and grow through early childhood education. ~

Education & Youth

Reaching out with Christ's love to serve and grow!

Youth

St. Paul Youth

Sr. High Youth 9th – 12th Grade

Christ 4 Life

Jr. High Youth 6th – 8th grade

SPY and C4Life Events

Sunday, May 19th Recognition of Graduates

We will recognize and pray for our high school graduates during our Divine Services. *Congratulations and God's richest blessings on all your future endeavors!*

Friday, June 21-Saturday, June 29

Sign-up with your family to serve at the Taco Barn at the county fair.

Monday, July 8-Friday, July 12 Vacation Bible School

All youth! We need you to make VBS a success! Signup to be a leader or helper using the QR code, on the church website, or in the gathering space.

Friday, July 12 Summer Celebration

Remain after VBS for lunch and then an afternoon of fun as we visit Racin Mason Fun Zone in Seymour. If you want snacks or to play arcade games, please bring money.

Monday, July 22nd-Thursday, July 25th Servant Event

Please pray for our SPY youth and adult leaders as they travel to St. Louis to lead a VBS for the children's outreach of Christian Friends of New Americans.

Sunday, August 4 Rally Day

All youth groups will meet for lunch and activities on Rally Day.

Kids for Christ

Elementary Youth led by Chad and Rachel Fohne with Matthew and Sarah Lewis

Sunday, May 19th Noon-1:15 PM

Lunch and activities at church

Saturday, June 1st Family and Church Family Fun Day

Over fifty people have signed up for this event! Details will be shared with attendees in the coming weeks. If attending, please pay Rachel Fohne (\$15 per person/five years and older; \$40 maximum per family) before the event. If paying by check, please make the check out to St. Paul Youth.

Friday, June 21-Saturday, June 29

Parents of KfC families are encouraged to serve at the Taco Barn.

Sunday, July 7 during Sunday School

The July KfC event occurs during Sunday School. Attendees will practice the Biblical skit for the first day of VBS and present the skit on Monday morning.

Sunday, August 4 Rally Day

All youth groups will meet for lunch and activities on Rally Day.

Christian Education

Summer Sunday School

Sundays in June and July

Little Ones Class (three and under) in the nursery. The class will include a Bible story and age-appropriate activities.

Children's Class (grade 5 and younger) meets in the third and fourth grade Sunday School room. The theme is *God is FOR LIFE*. Bible stories and activities will reinforce the truth that God is FOR LIFE and calls us to uphold and share that gift of life with others. Note: On July 7th, the Children's Class will be the KfC event.

Youth Class (grades 6-12) is led by Deaconess Fickenscher.

Adult Class meets in the fellowship room. Here are the leaders for the adult class:

June 2nd: Michelle Bauman: Speaking to your children and grandchildren regarding life issues.

June 9th: Nathaniel Bauman: Seminary Update

June 16th, 23rd, and 30th: Kantor Dan Mau

July 7th and 14th: Pastor Fickenscher

July 21st-August 11th: *Extending Christ's Love* Bible Study led by Pastor Patterson on July 21st and 28th and Pastor Bauman on August 4th and 11th.

Weekday Classes

Wednesday Classes: The final session for our Wednesday morning (Acts) and evening (First John) classes is May 29th. These classes will resume on Wednesday, August 7th.

Wednesday Morning Summer Bible Study—Preparing for Sunday Morning Join Pastor Fickenscher for a study on the coming Sunday's Scripture readings at 9 AM followed by Matins at 10:15 AM. Note: Bible study will not meet and there will be no Matins service on July 10th due to VBS.

Women's Bible Study meets Thursdays, May 16th, June 6th and 20th, and July 18th at 6 PM in the conference room for *An Honest Look at Sunday School Stories* led by Deaconess Fickenscher. Women of all walks of life are invited to join us.

Confirmation Instruction

Confirmation Instruction for the 2023-2024 school year concludes on May 26th. All confirmands should turn in their worksheets by Sunday, June 2nd.

Sunday, July 21st at 9:15 AM Confirmand and Parent Meeting in the sanctuary (All 7th and 8th graders)

Sunday, August 4th Rally Day; First Confirmation Class 9:30-10:30 AM. Lunch and activities follow second service.

Friday-Saturday, August 9th-10 Confirmation Retreat at Lakeview Villages

Thanks...

We are thankful for our Sunday School teachers and helpers as well as our youth counselors! We will thank our Sunday School teachers and helpers on May 19th. Please take the time to personally thank these faithful servants.

We are also grateful for our parents who make Christian education and nurture a priority at both church and home. It is a joy and a blessing to partner with you to give your children a solid faith foundation! *Have a wonderful summer!*



St. Paul Lutheran Church
& Early Childhood Ministry

News and Notes

Pentecost Service of Song and Recognition of Graduates

On **Pentecost, Sunday May 19th**, we will be blessed by our Sr. Choir, Sr. Handbells and instrumentation as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. At both services, we will also recognize and pray for our high school and college graduates. Please plan to attend and invite others!

Sunday School Teacher Recognition

We are blessed with dedicated Sunday School teachers and staff. As we near the end of the school year, we will recognize and thank these faithful servants at the beginning of Sunday School on **Sunday, May 19th** (before the *Extending Christ's Love* Awareness Forum).

Extending Christ's Love Awareness Forum

What an exciting time for our congregation as we begin our *Extending Christ's Love* campaign to complete the final phase of our Thirty-Year Master Plan, the construction of the Christian Education Center! God has raised up faithful leaders and it's time to share important information with our church family. To that end, we invite you to join us for an Awareness Forum during the Sunday School hour on **Sunday, May 19th**. Our campaign leaders will share information, the timeline, and answer questions.

Summer Church Office Hours

Summer church office hours begin the week of May 19th. Mackenzie Wint will only be in the office on Tuesday mornings, and the church office will be closed every Friday. If you need pastoral care, you may either call the church office or contact a pastor directly.

Education Building Closed: The entire education building, including the church offices, will be closed Wednesday-Saturday, May 22-25 for floor waxing and carpet cleaning. The church office will also be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day and Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Help Us Get the Word Out!

Our Neighborhood Information Distribution to invite those in the area to our church and Vacation Bible School is **Sunday, June 2nd-Sunday, July 7th**. Door hangers will be available, as well as the different neighborhoods you can choose to distribute the materials. Those that are distributing will simply hang a flyer on each door in their chosen neighborhood. Please complete your area any time before Sunday, July 7th. Please stop by the table and sign up for a neighborhood so that we can keep on extending Christ's love to serve and to grow!

Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School begins on **June 2nd** and continues through **July 28th**. Three classes will be offered: KfC class—fifth grade and younger; SPY and C4Life Class—grades 6-12 lead by Deaconess Fickenscher; and an adult class. The leaders for the adult class are found on the Education and Youth page in this newsletter. The nursery will also be staffed for those under three. The nursery class will include a brief lesson and activities.

June is Life Month

During the month of June, we especially focus on God's gift of life and upholding the sanctity of all human life. Please note the special events connected with Life Month:

Clarity Baby Bottle Campaign continues through Father's Day, June 16th. Please pick up a bottle or envelope in the gathering space, fill it with change or bills, and return it by **June 16th**.

StepUp4Life Walk for Life benefiting Lutherans for Life continues through June 24th. If you are interested in walking or supporting a walker, please contact Dave Probst or Michelle Bauman.

God is FOR LIFE Summer Sunday School. The children's summer Sunday School class (fifth grade and younger) will be learning about God's gift of life through Bible stories and other interactive activities during the months of June and July.

Acolyte Training

Training for new acolytes is **Sunday, June 2nd** after each service (9:15 AM and noon). Acolytes will receive training as well as the acolyte schedule. If you cannot attend on June 2nd, please contact Pastor Bauman to schedule a time for training.

Orphan Grain Train News

St. Paul serves the OGT by sorting donated items for distribution the first Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in volunteering, come and join us on **Tuesdays, June 4th and July 2nd** from 10 AM-noon. If you cannot attend, the need for volunteers is ongoing so volunteer anytime during their regular hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 AM-3 PM.

Donations of gently used clothing and furnishings are needed and appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at any time at the trailer located on the east side of the warehouse.

Nathaniel Bauman to Preach June 9th

Seminarian Nathaniel Bauman has completed his first year of seminary classes at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He will be preaching at both services on June 9th. During the Sunday School hour, he will give a presentation on his first year at the seminary as well as answer any questions.

Walking Taco Barn Sign-up

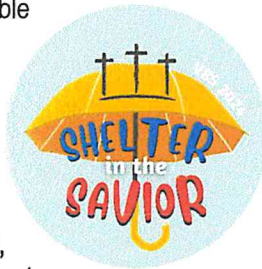
We will need many volunteers to man the booth at our Walking Taco Barn at the Bartholomew County Fair. The fair this year is **Friday, June 21-Saturday, June 29**. The sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space. Please sign up your family or serve with some friends for a shift, or more, at this year's fair!

Special Services on June 30th

On **Sunday, June 30th**, we will recognize current and past members who have served in the armed forces and offer prayers for our nation. Please plan to attend this special service.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School on **Monday, July 8th - Friday, July 12th from 9-11:30 AM**. The theme is: *Shelter in the Savior* where kids will learn how our all-powerful Savior is our shelter and strength through all the trials and storms of this life.



All children, ages three to sixth grade completed, as well as youth and adult volunteers can register now using the VBS link on the church homepage or the QR code. Volunteers can also sign up on the sheet posted in the gathering space.

Moms in the Word Pool Party

Join us for a pool party on **Monday, July 22nd** at 10 AM at the Wint family's house (5230 W 800 N, Scipio, IN). Bring the kiddos and join us for a fun morning of swimming! Children of all ages are welcome! Feel free to pack a sack lunch and join us for a picnic lunch after swimming.

Extending Christ's Love Update

During April, we invited congregational leaders to offer pledges for Extending Christ's Love. We received 23 pledges for \$1,407,265 including four lead pledges of \$275,000, \$250,000 and two pledges of \$100,000. To God be the glory!

These 23 pledges already exceed the total pledges offered in 2006 for the construction of our present church. In 2006, there were 115 congregational pledges for \$1,307,615

Please pray for God's blessing upon this endeavor and to prayerfully consider how you can offer your time, treasure, and talent to extend Christ's Love.

Volunteers needed for Phone Committee:

The Extending Christ's Love Capital Campaign is gaining momentum. Like we did with the capital campaign for the present building eighteen years ago, we are forming a "Phone Committee". The Phone Committee will remind our church family of important campaign dates and encourage members to financially support the campaign. Volunteers will be given a script with talking points and the invitation to pledge will be a prayerful, soft approach.

The goal is thirty volunteers to serve on the Phone Committee which would result in each volunteer having ten or less people to

contact. The timeframe for commitment is June and July. There will be an orientation in July.

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year continues. Registration flyers are available in the gathering space and on the church website (stpaulcolumbus.org/ecmregistration). Seven openings remain in the Little Lambs (three year old) class, two openings remain in the Little Doves (four year old) class, and four openings remain in the kindergarten class.

Classroom Helpers Needed

Our early childhood ministry is growing! Our classes are shaping up to be full for the 2024-2025 school year. Due to such abundant blessings, we are looking for a few individuals to fill the care needs for next school year. We are seeking an aid for the kindergarten room, which is Mon through Friday mornings. We are also seeking a couple individuals to serve as preschool or extended care helpers in classrooms. If you are interested in occasionally filling in as a substitute teacher, we are always seeking individuals for this role as well. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please email Director Jen Probst at director@stpaulcolumbus.org

Our Latino Outreach

On May 5th, Pastor Bauman presented to our Latino members on Extending Christ's Love. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm for the expansion, especially with the chapel, as well as eagerness to financially support the campaign.

On Saturday, May 18th, Pastor Fickenscher will conclude a six-week Bible study at Our Shepherd Avon held in conjunction with the congregation's bimonthly food pantry. It's been a joy to welcome a gentleman that he met through the Bible study to the Trinity, Indianapolis Spanish worship services and Bible study. Our Shepherd will host more outreach efforts in conjunction with the food pantry particularly geared towards Hispanics during the summer.

On June 2nd, our Latino members will join those of Trinity, Indianapolis and Immanuel / Gloria Dei Valparaiso at Prophetstown State Park near Lafayette for worship and fellowship. Look for photos of the event in the near future.

If you find yourself in the Columbus Regional Hospital on a Tuesday afternoon, keep your eyes open for Pastor Fickenscher as he will be there most Tuesdays serving as a volunteer chaplain.

Missions of the Month

Our June Mission of the Month in Clarity. As we celebrate Life Month, we give thanks to the life-affirming work of Clarity in our community. We are thankful for our partnership with Clarity, which includes the Memorial for the Unborn located on our church property. Clarity also uses our facilities for many of their events. Our June Mission of the Month gift will be in addition to the funds that are collected through the Baby Bottle campaign.

Our July Mission of the Month is Christian Friends of New Americans is a LCMS outreach to immigrants and refugees in the St. Louis area. July 22-25, SPY youth led by Pastor and Deaconess Fickenscher will lead a Vacation Bible School for the children served by this organization as well as preparing lunch for the children each day of VBS. Your July Mission of the Month support

will purchase the VBS materials and food for the event. The remaining funds will be donated to Christian Friends of New Americans. Please pray for our youth and adult leaders and those they will serve.

News from Area Congregations

Pastor John Armstrong of Grace, Columbus is retiring at the end of May. We thank God for Pastor Armstrong's faithful service at Grace and wish God's blessings upon him and his wife Harriet as he steps into retirement. Please pray for God's people of Grace as they enter into a pastoral vacancy.

Faith, Columbus continues their search for their next shepherd. Pastor Erkkinen is serving as vacancy pastor. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ at Faith.

Prince of Peace, Martinsville invites you to an open house celebrating Pastor Nathan Janssen's 35 years of service as their pastor on **Saturday, July 27th** from 1-4 PM at the church. To RSVP for the event, please visit RevJanssen35.rsvpify.com.

Bartholomew County Right to Life

Stop by the Bartholomew County Right to Life booth at the county fair June 21-29. If interested in serving at the booth, please contact Lisa Duke at 812-870-4558.

The annual Fundraising Banquet will be Tuesday, October 1st at the fairgrounds. The keynote speaker is Mike Pence, former United States Vice-President. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$250 for a table of eight. Tickets can be reserved through the website bcrtl.org beginning August 1st.

August Events—Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, August 3rd: 8-10 AM and 5-7 PM Prayer Vigil

Sunday, August 4th: Rally Day—all youth groups meet

Friday-Saturday, August 9th-10th Confirmation Retreat at Lakeview Villages

Saturday, August 17th: 5 PM *Extending Christ's Love* Commitment Service followed by congregational meal

Christmas and New Year's Worship

For more than twenty years, we have offered two candlelight services at 6:30 and 11 PM on Christmas Eve. In 2003, the difference in attendance between the early and late services was fifteen people. Last Christmas, the early service attendance was more than three times greater than the late service. Even though our congregation has continued to grow, attendance at the 11 PM service has continued to decline. This is primarily due to the fact that our congregation continues to become younger with more families, which is a tremendous blessing. Typically, families with young children attend the early service, and often their grandparents join them so they can worship together on Christmas Eve.

The elders and pastors considered a number of options and are instituting the following changes this Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve:

Both Candlelight services on Christmas Eve will be moved one hour earlier to **5:30 PM and 10 PM:**

- Both services will follow a similar format as previous years. Both will have a different sermon and theme for those who

desire to worship twice on Christmas Eve. Both will be preceded with the singing of Christmas carols. The 10 PM service will include Communion and conclude with the singing of *Joy to the World*.

- By maintaining the same amount of time between services, it will allow our pastors, kantor, musicians, and those who choose to attend both services opportunity for supper and family time.
- By moving the late service an hour earlier, it will make it easier for more of our church family to worship at 10 PM, to increase attendance at the late service.

The Christmas Day Festival Communion Service will begin at 10 AM as in past years.

The New Year's Eve Service will be moved one hour earlier and begin at **5:30 PM**. The pastors and elders are hopeful that more will choose to attend this service with the earlier time.

We are announcing these changes months before Christmas so that you are aware of our Christmas service times as you make plans for your family Christmas celebrations. Our pastors and elders are always open to your suggestions so please contact them with any comments or questions.

Official Acts

Owen Arnholt, Jax Branaman, Madelynn Dougherty, Russel Chun Escalante, Elliana Glick, Madeline Johnson, Keren Lewis, Luke Warren, and Liam Wiltsey were confirmed on April 28th.

Brent and Sarah Bodem and daughter Eliza were received into membership by transfer on April 21st

Travis and Lisa Price and their children, Austin, Kylie, and Trey were received into membership by transfer on May 5th.

Our Christian Stewardship

April 2024 Financial Report

Offerings Needed:	\$261,749
Offerings Received:	<u>\$277,748</u>
Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 15,999
Total Income:	\$342,199
Total Expenses:	<u>\$320,407</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 21,792

God continues to bless our congregation through your generosity! As we move into the summer months and more people are on vacation, please continue to keep up with your regular giving as expenses continue.

If you have questions about our church finances, please contact Treasurer Mary Ann Nunn, Financial Secretary Melissa Pevlor, or a member of the stewardship board.

Wish List

Thanks to your generosity all the items on the Wish List, except for one, have been covered! The only item remaining is the Bibles, catechisms, hymnals, and other resources that are distributed on Rally Day for **Faith Milestones**. To provide these resources for our children and youth, \$2,800 is needed. To give toward this Wish List item, please use your Designated Offering envelope. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Sunday School Superintendent Katie Arnholt or Pastor Bauman.

LWML News

The LWML is starting a new **Harvest Mission Project**, and we are asking for your participation. Many of you grow produce in order to feed your families, and there are times the Lord blesses you with more than you need. We have a way that surplus can go to good use. On the **2nd and 4th Sundays during the months of June through October**, there will be tables set up in the gathering space for members of St. Paul to share the surplus. Here's how you can help: 1. If you have surplus from your garden, feel free to place it on these tables. 2. Others may pick up items from the table to take home and use for their families (bags will be provided). 3. If they wish, they will place a donation in the box on the table. Funds collected will go to St. Paul's Food Bank 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.



The **Indiana District LWML Convention** is just around the corner, **June 21-23**, in Danville, IN. Sariina Kalli, Nora Cleary, and Jennifer Seifer are planning to attend, but there is still time to register if you'd like to enjoy a weekend of fellowship and encouragement. Registration fees go up after May 31. Visit the convention website at www.lwml.org/convention for information on all things "Rooted in Christ", and plan to join us!

The LWML Columbus Zone Spring Rally was held April 20 at Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brown County. Sariina Kalli, Nora Cleary, and Teresa Spurling joined representatives from seven zone churches at the event. THANK YOU to everyone who donated hygiene supplies for the Brown County School Systems, as program speaker Amy Hatchett spoke to the need for so much more than these supplies. The offices of zone president and zone secretary are up for renewal or election in 2025, and Sariina volunteered to serve as zone secretary at the fall rally.

Our first Sewing in Fellowship Day was held April 27 in the fellowship hall. Several ladies were on hand to cut material and sew costumes for VBS and the Children's Christmas programs. Pastor Bauman has asked us to make a banner for St. Paul's capital campaign, so we will be adding another sewing date over the summer to finish the costumes and create that banner. Please watch the Sunday bulletins for info on that date TBD. Contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE:

Congratulations to Jeff Booher for taking home the Euchre tournament title on May 10. Twenty-eight people attended the event, and more than \$160 was collected for the district convention in-gathering - THANK YOU! Your next chance to enjoy a Euchre Tournament and Family Game Night will be **Friday, August 9, at 6 p.m.** at the church.

The LWML Fall Zone Rally is set for Saturday, **November 2**, at Faith Lutheran Church in Bloomington, IN. Mark your calendars to attend this full-filled fellowship and planning event.

LWML Mission Grant Highlights 2023-2025:

Each month the LWML highlights one or more of the 31 adopted 2023-2025 Mission Grants. May focused on two mission grants: Finish the Job Ministry in Mission (Haiti) and Feeding Haitian Children Through Gospel and Meals. To learn more about these, or any of the 31 mission grants, visit the bulletin board in the gathering space, or www.lwml.org/mission-grants.

Finish the Job Ministry in Mission, Haiti | \$85,000

Ministry in Mission is working with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti to complete repairs to churches that were damaged by an earthquake in 2021. The grant will allow the Lutheran church in Haiti to purchase the final items needed so their members can worship in a safe structure. Natural and manmade disasters test the Haitians, but the love of God gives them strength and confidence.

Feeding Haitian Children Through Gospel and Meals - Trinity HOPE | \$58,082

A common phrase in Haiti says, "An empty stomach has no ears!" The phrase simply means that the poverty-stricken Haitian children cannot retain or understand what they have been taught because they are unhealthy. This grant for Trinity HOPE will provide meals for children in a Lutheran school in Haiti. When the children receive the hot meal, they are reminded that their food is provided through the love of Jesus Christ. They can grow both physically and spiritually.

Children are Always Welcome Here

The presence of children is a gift to the church. They are a reminder that our congregation is growing! Our congregation is blessed with many families with young children. This means that our entire church family has the opportunity to minister to and be an example for future generations. We also get to support their parents, as their first teachers, with a smile or word of encouragement. How children and families are welcomed in the church will have a direct impact on their views of church and their church family.

God made children full of wiggles and curiosity. Parents can be overwhelmed with these characteristics in children in quiet environments. Parents can be encouraged by knowing that most often your child's restlessness is more bothersome to you than those around you. God gifted parents with the very important role of raising their children up to know Him. This means bringing them to church and teaching them to worship Him. This vocation needs congregational support. Know that we as a church strive to support families well as they work to establish a firm foundation in Christ for their children.

There are many ways to help children feel more included in the service, which will help encourage them to participate. Repetition is intentionally used in our worship services. It allows children to catch on and follow along as they get older. Parents can take the time to point these parts out to children during the service and when they discuss worship at home. Singing the liturgy songs at bedtime or in the car is a great way to help children commit these songs to memory. Sitting near the front of the sanctuary helps children to better engage with the service because they are able to more clearly see what is happening during the service.

Remembering Our Shut-Ins

Here is the current list of our shut-ins and homebound members. Please pray for them often. They also enjoy receiving cards and visits from their church family:

Marianne Arnholt Traditions of Columbus #154, 4300 West Goeller Blvd, Columbus, Indiana 47203

Dawn Deiwert 327 Harrison Street, Hope, Indiana 47246

Mary Ann Exner 9695 East Randal, Columbus, Indiana 47203

Phyllis Fox 10851 East 750 South, Elizabethtown, Indiana 47232

Amy Hand 2999 9th Street #21, Columbus, Indiana 47201

Dianne Hartke Vivera Senior Living #309, 1971 State Street, Columbus, Indiana 47201

Dorothy Hischke 2520 Wedgewood Drive, Columbus, Indiana 47203

Pam Jenkins Hickory Creek 5480 E 25th Street, Columbus, Indiana 47203

Kay Newton Belmont Health and Rehabilitation, 540 Belmont Drive, Columbus, Indiana 47201

Dennis Peters 3715 Richland Drive, Columbus, Indiana 47203

Alex Schuette Madison State Hospital, 711 Green Road, Madison, Indiana 47250

Gloria Schultz Belmont Health and Rehabilitation, 540 Belmont Drive, Columbus, Indiana 47201

Jan Sherbundy Vivera Senior Living #323, 1971 State Street, Columbus, Indiana 47201

Lorraine Whitson 7785 N 700 W, Elizabethtown, Indiana 47232

Joan Wilcox 2704 15th Street, Columbus, Indiana 47201

Charlotte Williams and Dean Springer 4681 West Ridge Drive, Columbus, Indiana 47203

Gene Wint Cedar Creek, 2288 Nicholas Court, Seymour, Indiana 47274

Serving at St. Paul

Service	Usher Team	Elders	Greeters
June 8 AM	Team C	Adam Hall & Carl Shaffer	TBD
10:45 AM	Team F	Wiley Umphress & Steve Voelz	Danny and Sandy Johnson
July 8 AM	Team B	Jim Brock & Brian Arnholt	Phil and Crista Burbrink
10:45 AM	Team E	Eric Scheidt & Tim Scheidt	Dan, Taffy and Ryan Schroer

Day	Acolyte	Flowers	Radio	Fellowship Hour
June 2	8 AM Tabitha Hall	Paul & Sarah Gibson	Marybeth Glick	Dave & Pam Dailey
	10:45 AM Khloe Blackwell			
9	8 AM Danial Helt			Wischmeier Family
	10:45 AM Jax Branaman			
16	8 AM Madeline Johnson		Eric & Linda Scheidt	
	10:45 AM Edwin Chun Escalante			
23	8 AM Keren Lewis		Mike & Mary Bridges	Warren & Molly Scheidt
	10:45 AM Kevin Chun Escalante			
30	8 AM Naomi Lewis			
	10:45 AM Russel Chun Escalante			
July 7	8 AM Kylie Price	Don Strietelmeier	Don Strietelmeier	Burbrink Family
	10:45 AM Grant Gilmore			
14	8 AM Daryn Vogel		Colin Scheidt	Umphress & Voelz Families
	10:45 AM Lane Gilmore			
21	8 AM Jocelyn Vogel			Johnny & Sandy Lagneau
	10:45 AM Caroline Glick			
28	8 AM Adam Arnholt	Steve & Jan Voelz	Colin Scheidt	Probst Family
	10:45 AM Zaylie Gonsior			



St. Paul Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Ministry

June 2024

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 8:00 AM Divine Service
 9:10 AM Fellowship
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 9:30 AM Radio Service
 10:45 AM Divine Service English & Spanish

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study
 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour

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 89.1 FM Greensburg, 88.1 FM Versailles/Osgood, and 94.5 FM Salem

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2 Mite Box Sunday Summer Sunday School Begins Neighborhood Info Distribution Begins 9:15 AM Acolyte Training Noon Acolyte Training	3 7 PM Extending Christ's Love Finance Committee Meeting	4 10 AM-Noon OGT Workday	5 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service	6 Shut-in Visits 6 PM Women's Bible Study	7 Wedding Rehearsal	8 Pevlor-Ireland Wedding
9 Seminarian Nathaniel Bauman Preaching	10	11	12 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service	13	14	15
Pastor Fickenschler out of office—Continuing Education						
16 Father's Day Charity Baby Bottle Campaign Ends	17 7 PM Board of Education Meeting	18	19 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service	20 11 AM-2 PM Church Re-served 6 PM Women's Bible Study	21 LWML District Conv- tion through Sunday Bartholomew County Fair—Taco Barn	22
23	24	25	26 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service	27 1:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit	28	29 Last Day of County Fair
Bartholomew County Fair—Taco Barn						
Pastor Bauman on Vacation 6/24-6/29						
30 Recognition of Veterans						



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7 Mite Box Sunday Neighborhood Info Distribution Ends 9:30 AM KFC Event	8 August Newsletter Deadline 7 PM Council Meeting	9	10	11	12 11 AM VBS Closing Program Noon SPY and C4Life Lunch and activities	13
14	15	16	17 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service	18 6 PM Women's Bible Study	19	20 9 AM Taco Barn Clean Up
21 9:15 AM Confirmation Student-Parent Meeting	22 10 AM Moms in the Word Pool Party	23	24 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service	25 1:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit	26	27
28 5 PM Fellowship Room Reserved	29 Church Reserved	30 Church Reserved 9 AM Staff Meeting	31 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service	Radio Service and Lutheran Hour can be found on: 91.1 FM Columbus/Madison, 89.1 FM Greensburg, 88.1 FM Versailles/Osgood, and 94.5 FM Salem		
SPY Servant Event						
Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:30 AM						