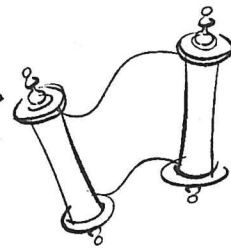


St. Paul Epistle



The Monthly Newsletter of St. Paul Lutheran Church

November, 2024

Extending Christ's Love through Prayer

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this article, Hurricane Milton is bearing down on Florida. When disaster or tragedy strikes, we should pray. In fact, we should always be praying, "pray without ceasing". We have needs and burdens, those we love have needs and burdens, our church family and our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world have needs and burdens, and those we do not know have needs and burdens. And so when anyone is in need, we take it to the Lord in prayer.

This holy conversation with our Creator in prayer is not only asking but also thanking. We are to "rejoice always" and "give thanks in all circumstances." Thus, when our heavenly Father gives His good gifts to us His children, we respond with thanks. November affords us the opportunity to especially reflect on this truth as we celebrate Thanksgiving. Through worship and gathering with our families, we take time to especially reflect on God's many blessings and respond with prayers of thanks, gratitude, and praise.

As we pray, Christ's love is extended to others. There is much confusion about the purpose of prayer. Some view prayer as a way to appease God or to get what you want. God doesn't need to be appeased by our prayers or any other good work we do. Christ's death for us on the cross has fully appeased God, satisfying the payment for our sins. God gifts of body and soul are given freely and generously, without any merit or worthiness in us. We don't pray to appease an angry God or to try and convince God to be gracious to us. God loves us and He is gracious to us.

Others view prayer as a way to change yourself or (even worse) to change others into what you want others to be. With this mindset, prayer is all about the individual, trying to conform God's perfect will to one's own will and desire.

Christ's love is extended through our praying because **prayer is ultimately not about us and what we do or want, but about our loving God making us part of what He does.** Let's use the perfect prayer, the Lord's Prayer to understand this truth. Jesus teaches us to pray "Hallowed by Thy name". God's name is holy, but when we pray these words, we are asking that His name would be kept holy in what we say and do. When we pray "Thy kingdom come", we are asking that God's kingdom of grace would come to us, that we would hunger for God's Word and His Supper *and* that God would use us to extend His kingdom of grace through our faithful witness. When we pray "Thy will be done," we are praying that God's good and gracious will be done among us, that we not live according to our sinful flesh, but instead, empowered by the Spirit, serve one another in love. When we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," we are asking God to provide what we need for each day. This moves us to give thanks to God as the giver of every gift. But as we pray this petition, we realize that God uses us in His work of giving daily bread as we provide for our families and for the poor and those in need. When we pray "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," we are confessing our sin and seeking Christ's forgiveness, *and* we are also asking God to use us in His forgiving work, extending His love through us by forgiving those who sin against us. When we pray "lead us not into temptation" and "deliver us from evil," we are not only asking God to give us strength in temptation and to protect us from the assaults and attacks of the devil, but God also brings us into His work through our praying, as we moved to help and support the tempted and suffering—those recovering from natural disasters and the sick, addicted, and grieving.

Prayer is not about trying to appease God or manipulate God to get Him to give us what we want. Instead, in prayer God invites and brings us into His holy and good work, giving us the awesome privilege of being a part of what He does in this broken world. When we rightly understand prayer, then we see the tremendous power and the blessing of prayer and how God is at work through our praying, both our prayers of supplication and thanksgiving, to extend Christ's love to others. When we rightly receive and appreciate God's gift of prayer, we will find ourselves praying without ceasing and giving thanks to God in all circumstances.

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

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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

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Musical Notes

Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from Your holy face.

LSB 704, stanza 1

The themes of light and darkness occur frequently in both ancient and modern hymnody. We know that a single, small candle can be seen in the darkest of spaces, for light always shines through darkness. The light of Christ shines through the darkness of our thoughts and actions, illuminating our heart and mind with the joyous light of salvation. Hymn writers speak of the dawning of a new day as the light that ends the darkness of night- the light of our Savior that sustains us and saves us from our sins. The light of Christ shines in us, as the above hymn stanza states, as we are illumined with the light of God's grace! Jesus **IS** our light, always shining through the darkness of our sin and showing us the way to everlasting life. Let this light shine in us as we Extend Christ's Love, both now and in the future.

As we move into November and towards Thanksgiving, I would like to thank Pastor Bauman, Pastor Patterson, Pastor Fickenscher, and the church and ECM staffs for supporting and encouraging both me and the music program at St. Paul. What a blessing to have the opportunity to serve with you in proclaiming the Gospel through the church's song! I would also like to thank the Sr. Choir, Sr. Handbells, Small Group Handbells, Jr. Choir, Jr. Handbells and Handchimes, and Choristers for being dedicated, willing servants in singing and ringing a new song to the Lord. And thank you to the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church for welcoming me into your midst over seven years ago to serve as kantor—I am beyond blessed to be here! I am looking forward to Extending Christ's Love through the church's song, always in service to the Word.

With a thankful heart and in Christ's love,

Dan



Sr. Handbells rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Sr. Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15 pm.

Jr. Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings from 9:30-9:50 am.

Small Group Handbells rehearse on Mondays at 10:00 am.

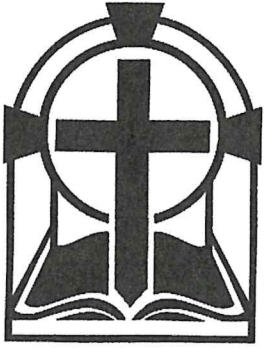
Jr. Handchimes rehearse on Sundays from 12:30-1:00 pm.

Jr. Handbells rehearse on Sundays from 1:15-1:45 pm.

Choristers rehearse on Sundays from 1:45-2:15 pm.

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

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Early Childhood Ministry

The last standard our ECM will be evaluated on for the National Lutheran Accreditation involves the curriculum and instructional practice at the school. Over forty years ago, the founders of our preschool had the distinct goal of instructing young children using a Lutheran faith-based curriculum. It is an honor to maintain this goal in our educational practice today.

The second indicator in this section of the accreditation tool reads as follows:

The curriculum focuses on the faith-development of young children. Through the Word and Spirit of God, teachers nurture the spiritual development of children throughout the day by:

- Praying for them and teaching them to pray.
- Using the Bible daily and teaching Bible words.
- Sharing Bible stories in developmentally appropriate ways.
- Worshiping with children in the classroom and in chapel and joining them in congregational worship.
- Praising God in song and with words and chants.
- Integrating faith development throughout the curriculum.
- Living out their faith in Jesus Christ by serving and reaching out to others.

The Indiana Department of Education has Early Learning Standards that establish learning trajectories for infants through kindergarten age. Our teachers do a great job of incorporating these educational goals in their lesson planning. My greatest joy is witnessing our school staff point our students to Jesus when they teach science, math, social studies, English/Language Arts, student wellbeing, approaches to play, creative arts, and physical health.

This standard is where our church and school staff unite. Our pastors are active in teaching the faith as they lead weekly Jesus times and monthly chapels. Our kantor takes time each week to help our students learn songs in our liturgy and chapel songs. Our administrative staff are out on the car line and in the hallways ready to serve, dry some tears, and support families.

Before we started our school year, our staff wrote down the names of every student enrolled in classes and took the time to pray for them and their family. Each day we get to know our students better and share with them the incredible gifts of love that God has given to us. Our desire is for our students and their parents to be a part of the family of God.

Your support of the mission and ministry of our school is priceless. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your encouragement. And thank you for helping us achieve our goals of renewing our accreditation and growing stronger in our service to young children!

~Blessings,

Jen Probst, ECM Director



3 – Daylight Savings

6 – Bookmobile

20 – Kindergarten & Doves Chapel

21 – Lambs Chapel

25 to 29 – Thanksgiving Break

~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

Servant Event and Fun—Sunday, October 27th

All SPY and C4Life Youth and their friends are encouraged to remain for lunch and afternoon activities on October 27th. From 12:15-1:15 PM, sixth graders and SPY will assemble college care packages while the seventh and eighth graders attend confirmation. From 1:15-2:30 PM, all youth will enjoy games and fellowship led by Dave Probst. Youth and their families are encouraged to remain for the Reformation Hymn Festival which begins at 3 PM.

Sunday, November 24th—Childcare during the Annual Meeting: SPY and C4Life Youth will eat supper at 5 PM and then provide childcare during the annual meeting at 6 PM.

Sunday, December 1st—Gingerbread House Dough Making SPY and C4Life Youth and parents are invited to remain after second service for pizza and making the dough for gingerbread houses. Pick-up is at 2 PM.

Kids for Christ

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

The October KfC gathering is **Sunday, October 27th** following second service to 1:15 PM. Join us for lunch and a Reformation/fall theme event. Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 23rd to Rachel Fohne by text or phone at 812-343-3786 or by email rnolting@alumni.iu.edu if your child(ren) plans to attend.

The November KfC gathering is **Sunday, November 17th** from noon-1:15 PM. Please RSVP to Rachel Fohne by Wednesday, November 13th. *Friends are welcome!*

Youth Choirs

Jr. Choir (grades 2-6) and Children's Choir (preschool-first grade) rehearse during the Sunday School Hour.

Jr. Handchimes, Jr. Handbells, and Choristers will rehearse on Sundays, October 20th, November 3rd, 10th, and 24th. Those participating in afternoon rehearsals are invited to eat lunch after second service. The Jr. Handchimes and Handbells will ring on **Sunday, November 17th**.

Jr. Choir sings at the 8 and 10:45 AM services on **Sunday, November 24th**. Please have youth in the music room by 7:30 AM to rehearse.

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, December 15th: Christmas Family Fun Night

3 PM Caroling; 5 PM Supper and Gingerbread Houses

Sunday, December 29th: Christmas Sunday School. Enjoy an interactive Sunday School hour as we celebrate our Savior's birth.

Christian Education

Adult Classes

Sundays at 9:30 AM

First Steps of Faith (Parents and children two years and younger) meets in the conference room.

Small Group Discussion Class. *Financial Peace University* begins October 27th. Please see News and Notes page for registration information.

Fellowship Room *Signs, Symbols, and their Meaning* led by Pastor Bauman.

Wednesdays

9 AM: The Book of Acts

6 PM: The Epistle to the Hebrews

Moms in the Word meets on **Monday, November 4th** at 10 AM in the conference room. Join us for fellowship, and a children's devotional.

Women's Bible Study *An Honest Look at Sunday School Lessons* meets **Wednesday, November 19th** at 6 PM in the conference room led by Deaconess Fickenscher.

Confirmation Instruction

Sunday Schedule: 9:30 AM and 12:15 PM Confirmation Class; 1:15-2 PM Make-up/Work Ahead Time

December 1st—Thanksgiving Break Sunday: The 9:30 AM class will meet in the confirmation room, but the 12:15 PM class will not meet. Confirmands are encouraged to participate in the servant event. After lunch, Pastors Patterson and Bauman will be available for students who need to make-up or work ahead.

Children's Christmas Service

Love Extended is the theme of this year's Children Christmas Service. The service is **Sunday, December 22nd** at 10:45 AM with rehearsal **Saturday, December 21st** from 9-10:30 AM. Speaking parts will be assigned to children in 2nd-6th grade in early November. If your child cannot participate, please email Pastor Bauman by November 1st at pastorbauman@stpaulcolumbus.org

Sunday Lunches

October 20th: Gonsior Family; Fettuccine Alfredo

October 27th: Jones Family; Sloppy Joes (KfC Day)

November 3rd: Hall Family; Sandwich Bar

November 10th: Vogel and Koester Families; Chicken Nuggets

November 17th: *Volunteer Needed:* Spaghetti and Meatballs

November 24th: *Volunteer Needed:* Coney dogs



St. Paul Lutheran Church
& Early Childhood Ministry

News and Notes

Extending Christ's Love Update

We continue to be both amazed and humbled by your generous support of Extending Christ's Love! Countless opportunities for mission and ministry will be made possible through the Christian Education Center.

The Building Committee has begun working with Architect Kevin Stuckwisch to begin the Design Development Phase working with the approved \$8.125 million budget for the project.

The Finance Committee continues to pursue additional funding for this project, including grants and fundraisers. Two examples are the Indiana Capital Initiative Grant through United Way (iuw.org/capitalgrants) and the Mundt Foundation (mundtfoundation.org). If awarded, these grants and others will be a tremendous blessing in helping us reach our campaign goal.



Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 17th** for a fundraiser for Extending Christ's Love—**Baking for the Building**. For a number of years every November, we had a congregational bake sale, *Desserts for Dora*, to help pay down the Dora Fischer "loan". We are bringing back this fundraiser with a new name. Donations of baked goods of all types are needed and then plan to go home with some delicious delights for a freewill donation.

Offering envelopes for Extending Christ's Love are available on the front table in the gathering space.

If you have any questions for the Building Committee, please contact Warren Scheidt. If you have any questions for the Finance Committee, please contact Phil Burbrink.

Loyalty Sunday

Loyalty Sunday is **October 20th** when we will offer our pledges for 2025 as we respond to the Lord's benefits with thankful and grateful hearts. Prayerfully consider God's blessings in your life and how you can use God's gifts to further His kingdom through our congregation, community, and world. If you will not be in attendance on October 20th, please drop off or mail your pledge to church by Sunday, October 27th.

Waymansville Fish Fry

You are invited to a fish fry at St. Peter, Waymansville on **Sunday, October 20th** from 4-7 PM. Fish sandwiches, hotdogs, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, chips, pie, and drinks. Dine-in, carryout, or drive-thru available. A freewill offering will be received.

"Stock the Box" for Just Friends

Just Friends Adult Day Services needs your help! More clients are utilizing the service at the Mill Race Center facility. The woodcraft class at The Propeller is popular as well as getting out into the community to fish, go to the library and go shopping. The days are fun, but expenses have risen. Donating consumable items will help defray costs and "Stock the Box".

We need paper towels, one gallon Ziploc bags, coffee, peanut butter, disinfectant wipes, lemonade mix, trash bags and more. Please see the flyer in the gathering space for the full list. A collection box will be located in the gathering space from **Wednesday, October 23rd-Sunday, November 10th**. Walmart and Amazon gift cards are also appreciated.

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 **October 27th-December 22nd**.

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, October 20th** by contacting Crista Burbrink (812-216-1982 or cristaburbrink@gmail.com) or Rachel Fohne (812-343-3786 or rnlting@alumni.iu.edu).

Pictorial Directory

It's time for a new church directory! Pictures will be taken **next week**. Please sign-up in one of the following ways:

- + Use the QR code
- + Go to the link at our website stpaulcolumbus.org

Submitted Pictures: If you cannot make the photo session, please submit your digital picture on the church website today. For help or to submit a physical copy, please contact Kacey Patterson at 251-463-1906..

Donations Appreciated: We are requesting a \$10 donation for all who have their pictures taken and those who submit pictures. All participants (pictures taken and submitted pictures) receive a directory and those who have their picture taken receive an 8x10 portrait.

Activity Pictures Needed: We are looking for pictures to be included in the directory of church activities, events, and ministry groups from the past 3-5 years. Please upload pictures using the QR code.



Reformation Hymn Festival

On **Reformation Sunday, October 27th**, we will host a Reformation Hymn Festival beginning at 3 PM. The music and singing will be enhanced by the Columbus Brass Quintet. The festival will include music by J. S. Bach, C. M. Widor, and T. J. Koch. A freewill offering will be received to benefit the Aurora Circuit Church Workers Scholarship Fund. A dessert reception will follow the hymn festival. Please plan to attend and invite others.

Fall Back

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on **Saturday, November 2nd**.

All Saints Sunday Celebration

In the Divine Services on **November 3rd**, we will give thanks to God that He has made us His saints and we will remember those we know and love who are now with Him forever. Both services will include the commemoration of those who have entered into glory since the last All Saints Day.

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 **Tuesday, November 5th** 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. **Please Note:** The need for volunteers is great as Orphan Grain Train seeks to respond to those in need as a result of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. If you can volunteer during regular hours, please consider doing so.

Donations for hurricane relief as well as ongoing donations of clothing and furniture are needed. Donations can be dropped off at any time at the trailer located on the east side of the warehouse.

Thanks to all who donated for hurricane relief and for your continued prayers for the relief efforts.

Communion Wafer Making

We are blessed to have faithful volunteers that make Communion wafers. Our next wafer making day is **Wednesday, November 6th** at 10:45 AM in the church kitchen. All are welcome for service and fellowship.

Euchre Night

Your next chance to enjoy a **Euchre Tournament and Family Game Night** will be **Friday, November 8th**, at 6 PM at the church. The free-will offering will support our Military Care Packages that will be mailed out in December. We encourage people of all ages to attend this family game night, as euchre is never the only game on hand, and the food and fellowship are pretty amazing. All are welcome!

New Member Recognition

God continues to bless our congregation with many new members. On **Sunday, November 10th**, at the beginning of Sunday School, we will recognize those who have joined our congregation since May. Please plan to attend and welcome those who have joined our family of faith!

Concordia Counseling Presentation

During the Sunday School hour on **November 10th**, Deaconess Michelle Downey, Director of Concordia Counseling will offer a presentation about this new outreach endeavor. Although still in its infancy, Concordia Counseling is making a tremendous impact in the lives of many clients as the Center provides counseling services that are Biblically sound, clinically effective, and financially affordable.

Matching Gift Opportunity: A donor has pledged up to \$50,000 in all donations received now through December 15, 2024. On November 10th, we will receive a door offering with all gifts matched dollar-for-dollar. You can also participate in this matching gift opportunity by mailing your gift to Concordia Counseling at 504 Walnut Street, Seymour, Indiana 47274 or by making a gift online at concordiacounseling.org.

Fall Clean Up Day

We will clean the church, education building, and grounds on **Saturday, November 16th** beginning at 8 AM. Please bring rakes, trimmers, and window cleaners. Please come as many hands make light work! Bad weather date will be Saturday, November 23rd at 8 AM.

Baking for the Building

For many years we enjoyed Desserts for Dora, a congregational bake sale where funds raised helped pay down the Dora Fischer "loan". Now that we are in the midst of our Extending Christ's Love campaign, we are bringing this fundraiser back as "Baking for the Building." The event will be **Sunday, November 17th**. Desserts can be dropped off at church on Saturday morning or Sunday before first service. Desserts will be available for a freewill donation after either service. Please consider baking one or more desserts for the building and then taking some sweet treats home with you!

Annual Meeting

We want you at this year's annual meeting on **Sunday, November 24th**! We will review reports from our boards and staff for the past year and approve the mission and ministry budget for 2025 as well as ratify officers. A pitch-in will be held at 5 PM with meat and drinks provided. The meeting begins at 6 PM. The Annual Report will be distributed beginning on November 17th. You are encouraged to review the materials before the meeting. Children are welcome to attend. They can eat with their parents and then childcare will be provided during the meeting. Reports for the Annual Meeting need to be submitted no later than **Monday, November 11th**.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

On **Wednesday, November 27th** at 7 PM we will gather to give thanks to the Lord for all His blessings. Before you gather with your family on Thanksgiving Day, please take time to gather with your eternal family of faith to give thanks. Holy Communion will be celebrated. The theme of the service is *A Bountiful Harvest* based on 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.

Gingerbread House Donations

Every year we are blessed to have a great turnout for our Christmas Family Fun Night. If you would like to donate items, please sign upon the sheet posted in the gathering space. All items should be brought to church by Sunday, December 1st.

Volunteers Needed to help bake and construct gingerbread houses beginning on **Monday, December 2nd**. The gingerbread houses will be assembled on **Wednesday, December 11th**.

Mark your calendars for Christmas Family Fun Night on **Sunday, December 15th**. Christmas caroling to our shut-ins begins at 3 PM. At 5 PM supper is served at church followed by gingerbread house decorating and other family activities.

We are thankful that Katie Arnholt is coordinating this endeavor. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Katie.

November Mission of the Month

November's Mission of the Month is Love Chapel. Love Chapel provides food for those in need in Bartholomew County. Love Chapel also operates Brighter Days Homeless Shelter. Our Mission of the Month contribution will help Love Chapel provide holiday meals, as well as the increased demand for food and housing during the winter months.

2025 Mission of the Month Submissions

Each month we support a mission of the month, which is highlighted in the monthly newsletter, through a \$1,000 donation. If you would like to recommend an organization to support, please submit it to a member of the Board of Stewardship (Rob Baltus, Carolyn Wilkerson, or Adam Scheidt) by **Sunday, November 3rd**. Missions selected will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

Leadership Nominations

If you are interested in serving as a church officer or as a member of one of our church boards or if you would like to recommend someone to serve, please contact Zach Mathews at 812-603-9981 or zachmathews1@gmail.com.

Christmas Concert

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend the annual St. Paul Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 22nd** at 7:00 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 9th Christmas concert at St. Paul. Organist will be Dr. John Allegar.

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 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

Paul Christopher Kamman was baptized on September 22nd.

Wrenley James Burkhart was baptized on September 28th.

Joseph Finke transferred his membership to Cornerstone Lutheran in Carmel, Indiana.

Our Christian Stewardship

January-September 2024 Financial Report

Offerings Needed:	\$600,483
Offerings Received:	<u>\$571,210</u>
Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$29,273)
Total Income:	\$689,747
Total Expenses:	<u>\$766,413</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$76,666)

As we enter the final quarter of 2025, we need your generous financial support for mission and ministry. Coming off the summer months, our offerings received are nearly \$30,000 short of our weekly need. In September, we made the first payment of \$75,000 for the new six HVAC units that were installed at the end of September. The balance of \$59,295 will be paid in October with insurance reimbursing \$43,141 of the cost. Your generous gifts will further the work the Lord has given us and assist us in paying for this large unexpected expense that was a result of hail damage.

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

Our Latino Outreach

Harvest Fest was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and outreach. For the second year in a row the Latino families from both Clifty and Trinity Indy came together for worship at 1 PM followed by Mexican bingo and snacks at church before heading to the Schroer ranch. Even a family of Trinity School Indy that is not yet regularly attending worship but attended an outreach event in August joined in the festivities. Also the owners of the Mi Casita taqueria on State Street, that Pastor Fickenscher has been inviting to church, upon delivering the chips, queso, and horchata that we ordered for the



event joined us in the sanctuary for the end of the service and stuck around for bingo. A big THANK YOU to the Schroer family for putting on such a wonderful event! The Indy folks really do rave about it.

Pastor Fickenscher is currently working with Moisés Pérez and his father Gabriel for outreach efforts to their friends in Seymour. We're planning on a Reformation cookout and Bible study at Peace Seymour studying article IV of the Augsburg Confession, Justification, on October 19th.



LWML News

THANK YOU, St. Paul community, for your generous support of our recent mission outreach. We collected more than \$400 on the September 15th door offering for the Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. On Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday October 6th, St. Paul graciously donated more than \$500 toward ongoing LWML mission grants. We also sold more than 45 bottles of honey the first two Sundays in October in support of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch! Honey sales are open through **Sunday, November 3rd**, so if you missed either Honey Sunday last month, scan the QR code on the LWML bulletin board in the gathering space, or reach out to Sariina Kalli at 218-451-1026 or Linda Schiedt at 812-390-9681 to order today!

Your last chance to share your field and garden surplus through our **Harvest Mission Project** is **Sunday, October 27th**. Feel free to bring in fruits, veggies, and plants to share with our church family, and our families can then make a donation to St. Paul's food bank in exchange for what's on the table. Thanks to you, more than \$125 has been collected so far! If you have any questions, please contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142.

The **LWML Fall Zone Rally** is **Saturday, November 2nd** at Faith Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Indiana. Check-in and a light breakfast begin at 8:30 AM. with the program starting at 9 AM. This event includes devotions, a guest speaker, a service project, lunch, and an optional tour of University Lutheran Church. Expect festivities to conclude around 3 PM. Carpooling will be available. Contact Sariina Kalli or Nora Cleary if interested in attending the rally.

During November, the St. Paul LWML will be collecting items for **Military Care Packages** to send to service members. The following items are desired: travel size grooming products: bar soap, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, and single-serve snacks like granola bars, cookies, chips (in boxes or cans to survive travel), individually packaged crackers with cheese or peanut butter, and STURDY homemade cookies (packaged four to a Ziplock bag). Look for a donation tote in the gathering space beginning the first Sunday in November. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Haak at 812-579-9065.

Your last chance to enjoy a **Euchre Tournament and Family Game Night** this year will be **Friday, November 8th** at 6 PM at church. The freewill offering will support our Military Care Packages and ongoing Hurricane Relief. We encourage people of all ages to attend this family game night, as euchre is never the only game available, and there is always a ton of great food and fun fellowship to enjoy!

SAVE THE DATE: Join us for a **Holiday Cookie Exchange and Chrismon Decorating** on **Friday, December 6th** at 6 PM at the church. Plan ahead now to bring in two or more dozen of your favorite holiday cookies to share. Everyone there will have an opportunity to mix and match all kinds of holiday treats to take home for the holidays. We'll also be decorating Chrismons for our homebound and shut-in members. (Chrismon date subject to change.)



Mark Your Calendars Now!

Euchre and Game Night Friday, November 8th at 6 PM

New Member Recognition and Concordia Counseling Presentation Sunday, November 10th during Sunday School

Baking for the Building Sunday, November 17th

Annual Meeting Sunday, November 24th. Pitch-in supper at 5 PM; Meeting at 6 PM; Childcare provided

Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, November 27th at 7 PM

Midweek Advent Services Wednesdays, December 4th, 11th, and 18th at 6:45 PM

Christmas Family Fun Night Sunday, December 15th with Caroling at 3 PM; Supper and Gingerbread Houses at 5 PM

Posadas Service and Fiesta Saturday, December 21st at 5 PM.

Children's Christmas Service Sunday, December 22nd at the 10:45 AM Service; Rehearsal is Saturday, December 21st from 9-10:30 AM.

Christmas Concert Sunday, December 22nd at 7 PM with Pre-Concert Harp Recital at 6:40 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services Tuesday, December 24th at 5:30 PM and 10 PM

Christmas Day Service Wednesday, December 25th at 10 AM

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

St. Paul Christmas Concert

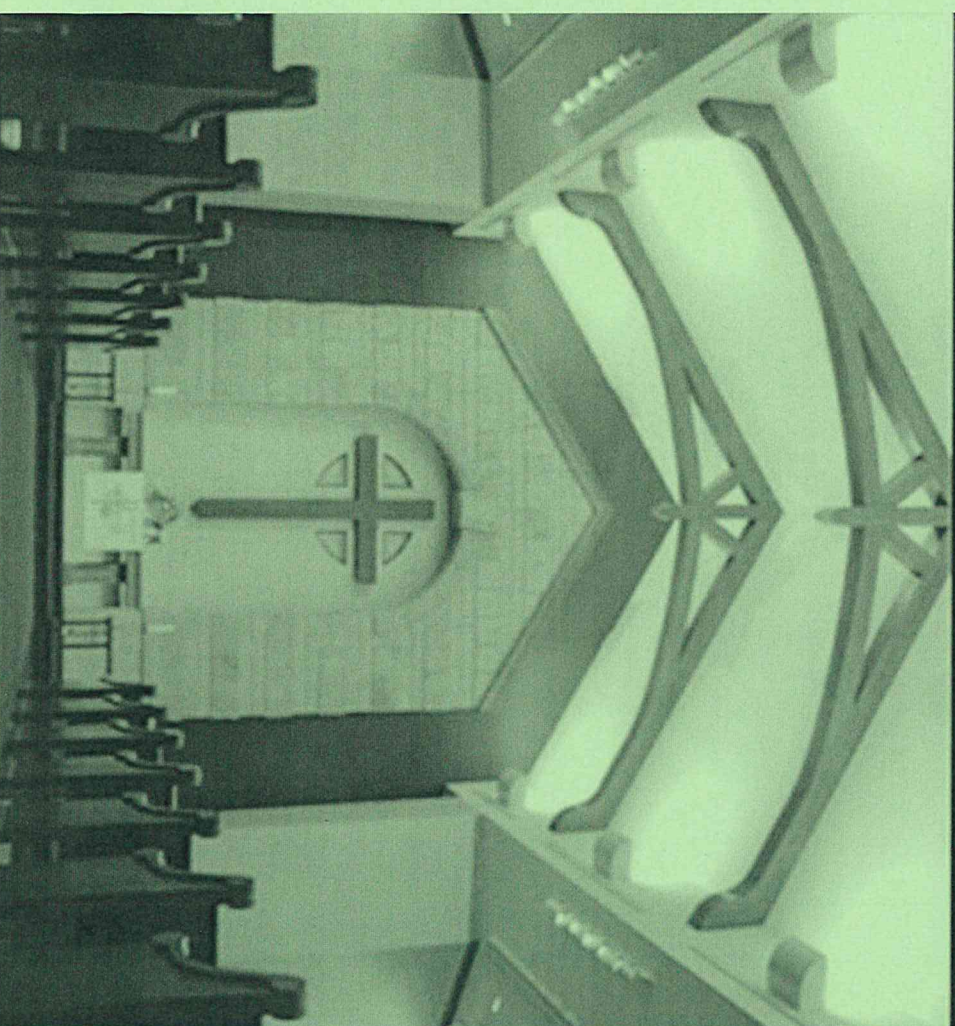
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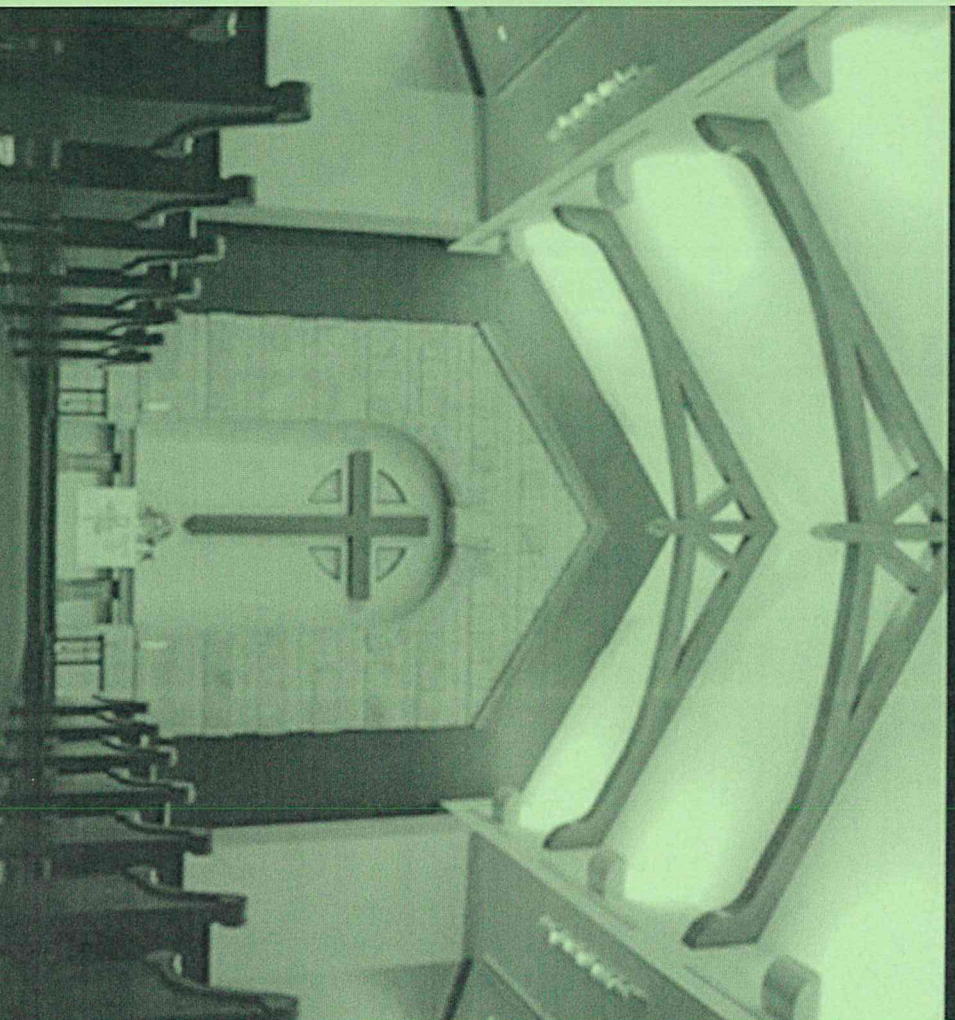
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Serving at St. Paul

Service	Usher Team	Elders	Greeters
8 AM	Team C	Adam Hall & Carl Shaffer	
10:45 AM	Team F	Wiley Umphress & Steve Voelz	

Day	Acolyte	Flowers	Radio	Fellowship Hour	Lunch
3	8 AM Sarah Arnholt	Anne Linke		Warren and Molly Scheidt	Hall Family
	10:45 AM Haley Hauersperger				
10	8 AM Addy Arnholt			Evangelism Board	Jessica Vogel & Shannon Koester
	10:45 AM Ridge Koester				
17	8 AM Julia Burbrink	Marvin and Joyce Boggs	Colin and Linda Scheidt	Matthew and Sarah Lewis	
	10:45 AM Ellis Sperry				
24	8 AM Jaclyn Dettmer			Dan and Taffy Schroer & Harold and Jeni Loyd	
	10:45 AM Elijah Stepper				
28 Thanksgiving Eve	Jonathon Dettmer	----	----	----	----



St. Paul Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Ministry

November 2024

Our Sunday Schedule
 8 AM Divine Service
 9:10 AM Fellowship
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 9:30 AM Radio Service
 10:45 AM Divine Service English & Spanish
 Noon Lunch

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study
 12:15 PM Youth Confirmation
 12:30 PM Jr. Handbells (no rehearsal 11/17)
 1:15 PM Jr. Handbells (no rehearsal 11/17)
 1:45 PM Choristers (no rehearsal 11/17)
 7 PM Lutheran Hour

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						
3 All Saints Sunday Mite Box Sunday Sr. Choir	4 10 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10 AM Moms in the Word 10 AM Small Group Handbells Fellowship Room Reserved	5 10 AM- Noon OGI Workday Noon Staff Meeting	Wednesday Schedule 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service 6 PM Bible Study (no class 11/27) 6 PM Sr. Handbells (no rehearsal 11/27) 7 PM Sr. Choir (no rehearsal 11/27)	7 7 PM Tri-W Meeting	8 6 PM Euchre Night	2 9 AM LWNML Fall Rally at Faith, Bloomington Set clocks back one hour before bed
10 Recognition of New Members Sr. Handbells	11 Veterans Day December Newsletter Deadline Annual Meeting Report Deadline 9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10 AM Small Group Handbells 6 PM Finance Committee Meeting 7 PM Council Meeting	12 6 PM Church Reserved	13 7 PM Board of Education Meeting	14	15	16 8 AM Fall Clean Up Day
Pastor Patterson on vacation 11/11-11/17						
17 Baking for the Building Jr. Handbells/Jr. Handbells Noon KFC	18 9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10 AM Small Group Handbells 5:30 PM Girl Scouts	19 6 PM Women's Bible Study	20 8:20 AM Kindergarten and Doves Chapel	21 8:20 AM Lambs Chapel 1:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit	22	23 8 AM Fall Clean Up Bad Weather Day
24 Christ the King Sunday Jr. Choir SPM Congregational Pitch-In Meal 6PM Annual Meeting	25 10 AM Small Group Handbells	26	27 7 PM Thanksgiving Communion Service Sr. Handbells	28 Thanksgiving	29	30
No School 11/25-11/29 Church Office Closed						