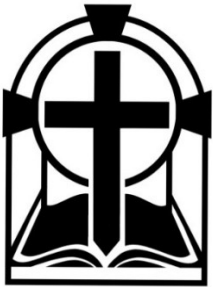




Enduring in Love Together

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 26, 2025



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
Financial Peace University led by the Burbrinks and Fohnes meets in the Quiet Room
Signs, Symbols, and their Meaning led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Addy Arnholt
10:45 AM Service Ridge Koester

Church Calendar

Today	National Lutheran Schools Week Celebration Sunday 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish Noon Lunch Noon KfC Event 12:15 PM Youth Confirmation 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
Monday	<i>ECM Open Registration Begins</i> 9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10:00 AM Small Group Handbells
Wednesday	8:20 AM Kindergarten and Doves Chapel 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Sr. Handbells 7:00 PM Sr. Choir
Thursday	8:20 AM Lambs Chapel 1:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit
Next Sunday	Candlemas Service of Song Mite Box Sunday 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish Noon Lunch 12:15 PM Youth Confirmation 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 12:45 PM Jr. Handchimes 1:15 PM Jr. Handbells 1:45 PM Choristers 1:15 PM 8 th Grade Parent/Student Meeting 5:00 PM-7PM SPY and C4Life Event 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

- + 2024 Contribution Statements (on the table by the coat room)
- + 2025 Offering Envelopes
- + February Newsletter which includes the 2024 Annual Report
- + Latest edition of Lutheran Women's Quarterly

The Order of Divine Service

Enduring in Love Together

Prelude

Christ Be My Leader—H. Hopson

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship.

Ringling of the Bell

Children's Choir Sings 10:45 AM Service

Early Childhood Ministry and Sunday School Children

Opening Hymn

The Jr. Choir sings stanzas 2 and 4

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Invocation and Opening Scriptures

please stand—Hebrews 12:1-3 NLSW Theme Verse

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

C Amen.

P Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with *endurance* the race that is set before us.

C **Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him, *endured* the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

P Consider Him who *endured* from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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

Confession of Sins

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law....

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground....

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

[Paul writes:] For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

please stand and speak together—1 Corinthians 12:26

C **Alleluia. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.**
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:16-30

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and He stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And He rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of Him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from His mouth. And

they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" And He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to Me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard You did at Capernaum, do here in Your hometown as well." And He said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove Him out of the town and brought Him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw Him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, He went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles Creed

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

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

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

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Enduring in Love Together

Sermon notes are on page 5

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

please stand

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

The 8 AM Service continues on the next page.

The 10:45 AM Service continues below.

Lord's Prayer

prayed together

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

G Amen.

Prayer for the Meal

Closing Hymn

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Postlude

As with Gladness Men of Old—R. Hobby

The Lord's Supper will be offered following the service.

The 8 AM Service continues here

Service of the Sacrament

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Distribution

Hymns: **577, 845, 865, 866, 867**

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

Closing Liturgy

please stand pages 211-212

Closing Hymn

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Postlude

As with Gladness Men of Old—R. Hobby

Enduring in Love Together

As we run the race with endurance, we are surrounded by a c_____ of w_____.

Thinking about those who have finished the race and are with the Lord, who do you look to as an example and encouragement to keep on running the race?

We not only look to those who have run the race before us, but we also see how J_____ sustained and strengthened them through every trial and struggle.

As we run the race with endurance, we look to our fellow b_____, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

What does it mean to run the race *together*? What does it mean to endure in love *together*? Who needs your help, support, care, and encouragement to keep running and pressing on for the heavenly prize?

As we run the race with endurance, we look to Jesus, the f_____ and p_____ of our faith.

Jesus counted it a j_____ to endure the cross for you.

Jesus has established the C_____ so that we can be spiritually fed and hydrated through His Word and Supper to receive His forgiveness, strength, renewal, and endurance.

Jesus will perfect our faith when He welcomes us into His v_____ celebration that will never end.

LIVING THE SERMON... You are running a lifelong marathon, the race of faith that is set before you. Consider how you are running: Have you veered off course? Has sin tripped you up? Have you given up and stopped running altogether? Are you receiving the help, forgiveness, and strength that Jesus gives through His Word and Supper? Are you supporting, loving and encouraging your brothers and sisters in Christ as they run this race? Look to Jesus for forgiveness where you have fallen short and seek His strength through His Word to keep pressing on for the heavenly prize.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH... Give thanks for Jesus, the founder and perfecter of your faith! Pray for strength to keep running the race of faith and that God would open your eyes to those who are struggling who need your love and care. Pray for our early childhood ministry, for our teachers and students, that as God's Word is taught, the children would keep on running the race of faith and join in the eternal victory celebration.

Early Childhood Ministry Registration Begins Tomorrow!

Open registration for the 2025-2026 school year begins **tomorrow, January 27th**. Please tell others about our preschool and kindergarten! Here are some facts to share:

- We are accredited through the National Lutheran School Accreditation, making our school one of few early childhood centers that are accredited in Columbus.
- Small class sizes
- Extended Care available for both before and after school
- STEM enrichment available
- MOST importantly, we offer a Christ-centered education! The children learn about Jesus and the Scriptures every day!
- Our Kindergarten families are eligible to apply for the School Choice Scholarship for tuition assistance. Our Little Doves (four year old) families are eligible for SGO scholarships.

All registration is **online**. Please go to stpaulcolumbus.org to register!

Calling ALL Women—Sign-up to Serve

The St. Paul Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) held their annual meeting on January 18th. At the meeting, mission and service projects were chosen for the year. In the gathering space **today**, all women are invited to learn more about the mission and ministry of the LWML and also to sign-up to serve in any of these 2025 events and endeavors. Please stop by the table and learn more about how the LWML serves in our congregation, our nation, and throughout the world!



Youth Events

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

KfC meets **today** after the 10:45 AM service. All children and their parents are invited and encouraged to join us for a walking taco lunch followed by activities centered to the theme of *Endure*.

Our next KfC event is **Sunday, February 16th** from noon-1:15 PM for lunch, devotions, and activities. Please RSVP by this Wednesday, January 22nd to Rachel Fohne by text or phone at 812-343-3786 or by email rmlotting@alumni.iu.edu if your child(ren) plans to attend.

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

Next Sunday, February 2nd Candlemas Celebration: All youth and their friends are invited to an evening of food and fellowship from 5-7 PM as we enjoy food, customs, traditions, and games associated with Candlemas celebrations around the world. No RSVP needed.

Friday, February 14th Valentine's Day Childcare: Our youth attending the National Youth Gathering will provide childcare from 5-9 PM on Valentine's Day. Youth should arrive by 4:45 PM.

Friday-Saturday, March 7-8 Lock-In: Mark your calendars for our annual lock-in. The lock-in will begin at church on Friday evening and conclude at Trinity Lutheran High School on Saturday morning.

All Youth and Youth Families

Wednesday, March 12th, Lenten Supper: Our youth groups will be sponsoring the Lenten supper. Please plan to attend and assist with this fundraising meal.

Friends are always welcome at youth events. If you have any questions, please contact a youth counselor or Pastor Bauman.



Extending Christ's Love

We are both humbled and grateful for your generous support of Extending Christ's Love. The Building and Finance Committees continue to meet to move this project forward. Below is an update from Warren Scheidt, chair of the Building Committee:



On Jan 14, 2025 the Building Committee unanimously selected Driftwood Builders as the general contractor (out of three) for the Christian Education Center. It was felt Driftwood suited our needs the best because

- 1) They are locally owned and operated
- 2) We would have greater input into the building process including selection of subcontractors and dealing with changes that will arise as we move along.
- 3) Competitive pricing
- 4) Driftwood was the contractor on the existing church complex and we have a high comfort level with their workmanship.

I appreciate the positive input we have received from the congregation and we will continue to move forward.

Next Steps: With a general contractor chosen, the architect, general contractor, and Building Committee will work together to design the Christian Education Center to remain within our \$8.125 million budget. They are meeting every other week to keep this process moving forward.

Please continue to pray for this endeavor, for our congregation, our committees, and for those who will be served through our Christian Education Center.

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

Sponsor a St. Paul Youth

The LCMS National Youth Gathering will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on July 19-23, 2025, under the theme "Endure". Next year, fourteen youth and adults from St. Paul will be attending "Endure," along with 20,000 Lutheran youth and adults from around the United States, and the WORLD!

The National Gathering is one of the major projects of the Youth Ministry Office of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. The Gathering provides a great opportunity for young people and adults to boldly come together in the name of Jesus Christ to proclaim, celebrate, and witness their salvation through Him, rejoice in the fellowship of their church and be affirmed and nurtured in their lives as God's people through Word and Sacrament. Youth Gatherings provide an arena to raise the visibility of youth ministry within The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

We are inviting friends, family, and congregation members to sponsor youth attendees for the National Youth Gathering trip this summer. Your generous sponsorship gift of \$100/youth will assist the youth with the cost to attend the Gathering (approx. \$1,500 per person for travel, hotel, food, registration etc.), and provide you with an opportunity to stay connected with them while they are at the Gathering next summer.

Please prayerfully consider supporting Adam Arnholt, Isabel Burbrink, Tabitha Hall, Madeline Johnson, Emmitt Jones, Keren Lewis, Logan Warren, Luke Warren, Jesse Wofford and Providence Wofford with a national youth gathering sponsorship gift. Your generosity will lessen the financial burden for these youth attending the gathering.

To sponsor one or more youth, please use your "Designated Offering" envelope in the back of your offering box. Indicate "Youth Sponsorship" with your gift. If you are sponsoring specific youth(s), please also indicate their name(s) on the envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact DCE Jen Probst or Pastor Bauman.

IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering: Ray Cline (surgery Wednesday), Jeff Schroer, Sandy Lagneau, Karen Hendershot, Phyllis Fox, Nancy Lipka, Kay Newton, Kathy Hoover, Lynn Hoeltke, Jan Sherbundy, Bob Runge, Jill Scheidt, Pam Jenkins, Cassie Murray (Jason and Laurie Schroer's friend), Lonnie Doty (Laurie Schroer's father), Tiffany Wilson (Karen Hendershot's cousin), Tim Sarver (Danny Johnson's friend), Gloria Bredehoeft (Larry Haak's sister), Jan Haak Davis (Larry Haak's cousin), Dianne Hargraves (Carolyn Schuette's sister), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), Dave Jensen (Krugers' friend), Moe Humphrey (Ray and Pat Hall's friend) Ozzy Hentges (Kallis' 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), Jim Baute (Jeff Booher's uncle), Annie Walton (Holly Wischmeier's coworker's daughter), Marcelle Williams (Bridges' friend), William Leitshuh (Clearys' friend), Naomi Gillespie (Haaks' great-niece); **Grieving:** Family of Mary Banister (Bob's mother); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Noah Hoeltke, Evan Rickus, Michael Mullins (Sperrys' friend), Sam Studler (Kallis' friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

SUNDAY LUNCHES...

Today: Walking tacos—KfC Day; National Lutheran Schools Weeks Celebration

Next Sunday: February 2nd: Sandwich Bar

February 9th: Corn Dogs and Tater Tots

February 16th: Chicken Sandwiches

The lunch sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space. ***Please sign-up to serve!***

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK... is this week! Each day this week are special dress-up days for our students. Here are some of the other activities scheduled for the week:

Today: Early Childhood Ministry children sing at the 10:45 AM service followed by KfC for children and families.

Tomorrow, January 27th: Open Registration begins for the 2025-2026 school year.

Wednesday, January 29th: Our Doves and kindergarten classes will gather at 8:20 AM for National Lutheran School Week chapel focused on the Endure theme.

Thursday, January 30th: Our Lambs classes will gather at 8:20 AM for chapel.

Friday, January 31st: Our kindergartners will travel to Seymour to join other students at area Lutheran schools to celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week. You are invited to join our early childhood ministry students for chapel this week. Please continue to pray for our early childhood ministry and help promote our ECM to those who know who have children ages 3-5.

UPCOMING EUCHRE NIGHTS... The youth groups of St. John's, White Creek and St. Paul's, Jonesville invite you to a soup supper and euchre night **this afternoon** at St. Paul's, Jonesville. Euchre begins at 4 PM, soup supper at 5:30 PM. \$5 to play and \$5 to eat.

St. Peter, Waymansville invites you to their soup supper and euchre night **next Sunday, February 2nd** beginning at 5 PM. \$5 to eat and \$5 to play.

Our next euchre night, sponsored by our LWML, is **Friday, February 7th** at 6 PM. St. Paul members of all ages are invited to come play cards or board games and eat lots of great pitch-in foods (and usually pizza). Come join your church family and enjoy this Friday night fellowship. Contact Sariina Kalli 218-451-1026 for more information.

CANDLEMAS CELEBRATION... Candlemas is a festival day in the church year on **February 2nd**. This day commemorates the events when Jesus was forty days old and was taken to the temple for the first time. At the temple, He was met by Simeon and Anna. Since Candlemas falls on Sunday this year, we will celebrate it with these special events:

Candlemas Service of Song: We will follow the Candlemas liturgy which includes a candlelight service, with special music by our choirs/

Sunday School Hour: The fellowship room Bible study will be a special study on the Biblical significance and importance of the events celebrated at Candlemas.

SPY and C4Life Candlemas Celebration: Youth in grades 6-12 and their friends are invited to join us as we enjoy the food, customs, and traditions of Candlemas.

Please plan to attend and invite others to this special celebration of Christ our Light!

MOMS IN THE WORD... Moms and children are invited to join us on **Monday, February 3rd** in the conference room for a children's devotional and fellowship.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WORKDAY... The St. Paul OGT workday is **Tuesday, February 4th** 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.

CAMP LAKEVIEW REGISTRATION BEGINS SOON... For 60 years Lakeview Ministries has provided incredible faith-filled experiences for kids of all ages, while maintaining the highest standards for the safety and well-being of every person who comes to camp. Coming to camp gives you an all-access pass into life-changing fun. It builds life skills and reduces stress and anxiety. It allows for deeper friendships, and most importantly, lets you experience Jesus in a way that connects with your everyday life.

You can pre-register for all Camp Lakeview and Lakeview Villages programs between **February 3rd-4th**. Registration for all other programs, including Explorer Camps, Weekend, and Family programs, open on February 10th. For more information, visit Lakeview's website at lakeview.camp or call the camp office at 812-342-4815. Registration information is also available in the Sunday School classrooms and on the front table in the gathering space.

Come and experience the joy of camp this summer!

BIBLICAL WORKSHOP... Have you ever struggled to read the Old Testament? Are you confused at times when reading through the Old Testament? Is it tough to see how the Old Testament relates to the New Testament? On **Saturday, February 8th** from 9AM-3PM St. Peter's in Columbus will be hosting a Biblical Workshop with Chad Bird looking at all of those things. Chad is a Scholar in Residence at 1517 which is a nonprofit organization that exists to declare and defend the good news that you are forgiven and free on account of Christ alone. To register or learn more about this event, visit stpeterscolumbus.org/biblicalworkshop.

VALENTINE'S DAY CHILDCARE... The youth attending the National Youth Gathering cordially invite you to participate in our upcoming national youth gathering babysitting fundraiser on Valentines Day, **Friday, February 14th** from 5-9 PM at church. Taking part in this wonderful fundraiser that not only benefits our youth but also gives you a chance to enjoy a carefree night out. You can go on a date night, enjoy a movie, or just rest at home; and we'll take care of the kids at the church

with fun games and activities planned for them. Freewill donation. Reserve your spot today and enjoy a night out with your loved one!

Please register your child(ren) by **Wednesday, February 12th** through the following link <https://forms.gle/UHTFxngAmxP8Lxt77> or by texting or calling Jen Probst at 765-491-7818.

CHILDREN'S TEA SOCIAL... All St. Paul and ECM children, and accompanying adult(s), are invited to a dress-up Children's Tea Social on **Sunday, February 23rd** from 2-3:30 PM in the church fellowship room. Flavored teas and apple juice, scones, petite sandwiches, and dainty desserts will be served (more of a snack than a meal), and an activity is being planned. The focus of the event is primarily for the children and accompanying adult to learn another country's culture by participating in a High Tea modeled after the British custom. The sign-up deadline is **Sunday February 16th**; this will enable us to plan appropriately. You may sign-up by emailing Vicki Howarth at dvhowarth@comcast.net or through the following link: <https://forms.gle/cnCTT7XVnsEa73nH7>. A sign-up table will also be available in the gathering space beginning **today**. Please join us for an afternoon of High Tea fun and fellowship!

Tea Cups and Saucers Needed: Whether or not you are attending, please consider letting us borrow a teapot and/or teacup and saucer for the event. You may bring them the morning of February 23rd, or if attending, at the time of the High Tea. Please let Vicki know prior to February 16th if you have any of these items you plan to bring. Thank you!

LENTEN SUPPER SIGN-UP... Thanks to everyone who has signed up to serve a midweek Lenten supper. Only one supper needs a host. Please consider sponsoring the Lenten meal on **April 9th**. If you are willing to serve, please sign-up in the gathering space.

The Response of God's People

Last Sunday, January 19th

Divine Service Attendance: **329**; Communion: **256**

Sunday School Attendance: **170**

General Fund: \$18,133.25 Weekly Need: \$15,933

Extending Christ's Love: \$16,886

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