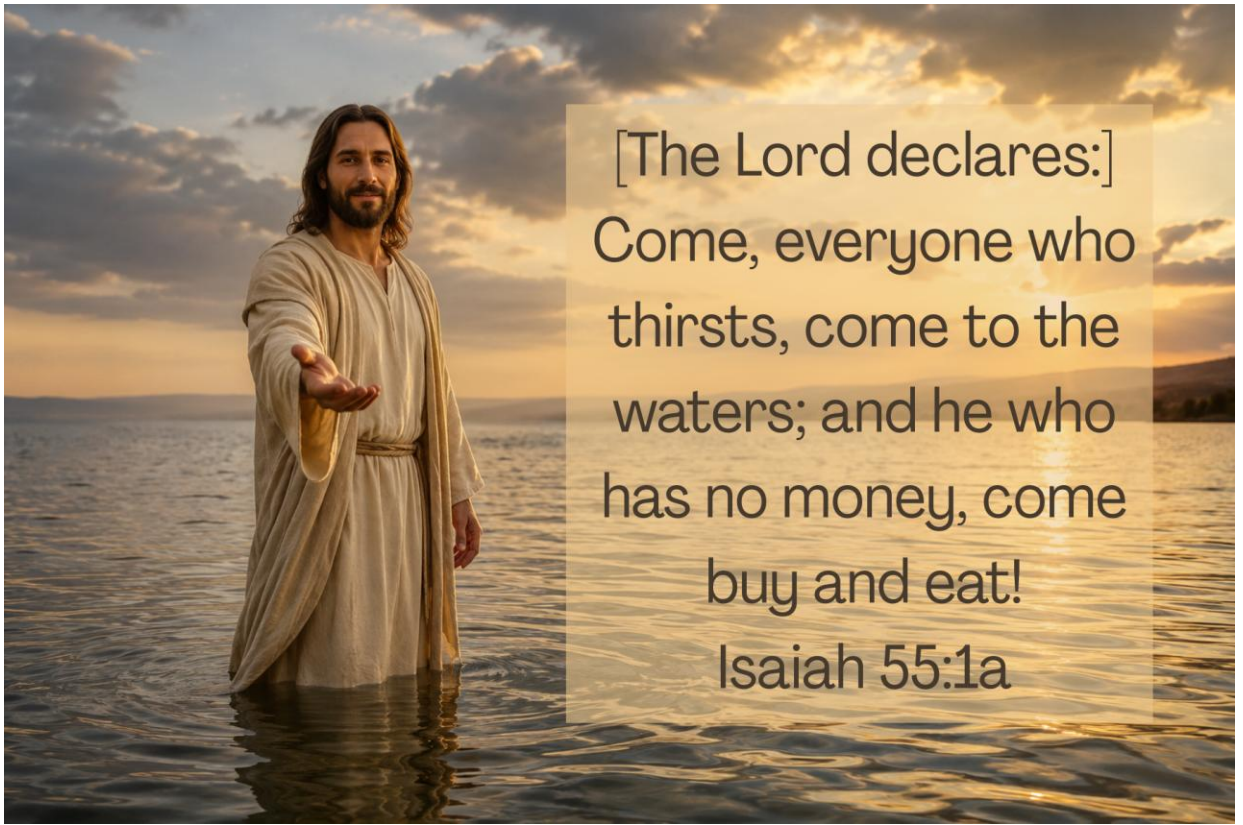


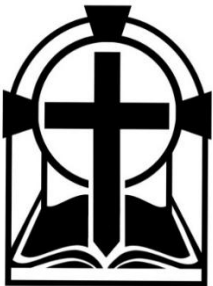


[The Lord declares:]
Come, everyone who
thirsts, come to the
waters; and he who
has no money, come
buy and eat!
Isaiah 55:1a

“Come! Invite!”

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026



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) meets in the conference room
KfC Class (preschool and elementary) meets in the third-fourth grade Sunday School room
SPY and C4Life Class (grades 6-12) meets in the youth room
Adult Bible Class on the Scripture readings for today led by Pastor Fickenscher

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Trey Price
10:45 AM Service Leo Patterson

Church Calendar

Pastor Bauman returns from vacation today
Pastor Fickenscher on vacation August 8th-10th

Today	Mite Box Sunday 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish—ECM Staff Dedication 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 6:30 PM ECM Parent Meeting 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
Monday	First Day of Kindergarten 8:20 AM Chapel
Tuesday	9:00 AM-Noon Orphan Grain Train Workday
Wednesday	9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service 12:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Bible Study
Friday	6:00 PM Game and Euchre Night
Next Sunday	Rally Day 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Faith Milestones Presentation 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish Noon Rallying for Jax Meal Noon-2 PM KFC event 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 1:00 PM Youth Meeting (grades 8-12) 1:30 PM Children's Choir Parent Meeting 3:00 PM SPY and C4Life Swimming Party 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH... are given to the glory of God by Bob and Joanne Kirby as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary today.

TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY... is sponsored in thanksgiving to God by Chad and Debbie Sims.

THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER... is available in the gathering space or online at stpaulcolumbus.org.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Praeludium in G major, BuxWV147—D. Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringling of the Bell

Installation and Introduction of our Early Childhood Ministry Staff 10:45 AM Service

Opening Hymn

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Confession of Sins

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Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Isaiah 55:1-5

[The LORD declares:] "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made Him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 9:1-5

[Paul writes:] I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and sing page 205

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter. **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John the Baptist], He withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by Himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Him on foot from the towns. When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles Creed

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Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Come! Invite!

Isaiah 55: 1-5

Prayer of the Church

please stand

Offering

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Service of the Sacrament

please stand pages 208-210

Distribution

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

Closing Liturgy

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Closing Hymn

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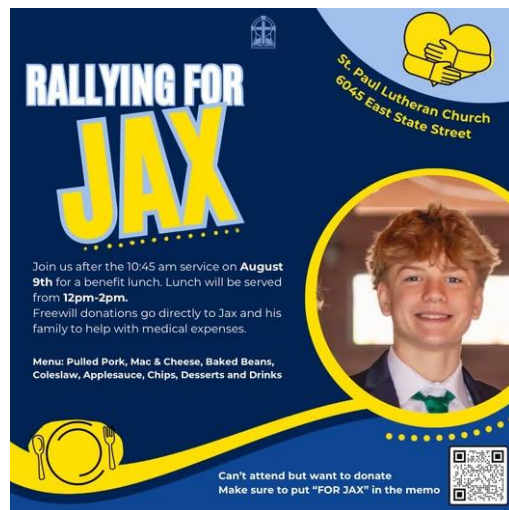
Postlude

Fugue on the Jeux D'Anches—F. Couperin

Rallying for Jax is next Sunday!

Thanks to all who signed up to bring food for the benefit for the Branaman family next Sunday. Please note the following:

- **Parking:** Due to Rally Day and Rallying for Jax, please park in the chapel parking lot, by the education building, or behind the church, if you are able to walk further.
- Serving is from noon-2 PM. If you attend first service, you are encouraged to return to eat between 1 and 2 PM.
- In addition to pulled pork, hotdogs will also be served.
- Can't attend but want to support the Branaman family:
 - The Sunday School offering next Sunday (offering plate at the end of the donut table) will be given to the Branaman family.
 - Use your "Designated Gift" offering envelope.
 - Use the QR code to the right or give online at stpaulcolumbus.org.



RALLYING FOR JAX

Join us after the 10:45 am service on **August 9th** for a benefit lunch. Lunch will be served from **12pm-2pm**. Freewill donations go directly to Jax and his family to help with medical expenses.

Menu: Pulled Pork, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Chips, Desserts and Drinks

St. Paul Lutheran Church
6045 East State Street

Can't attend but want to donate
Make sure to put "FOR JAX" in the memo



Come! Invite! Isaiah 55:1-5

"Come!" is a gracious i_____ from the Lord Himself to receive His good gifts.

The G_____ is always the language of "gift."

What gifts has God given you through Jesus?

St. Augustine (354-430 AD) famously wrote, "Our hearts are restless until they r_____ in You, O Lord."

Isaiah's promised feast finds a fulfillment in the Lord's S_____, and it also reminds us of the great marriage feast of the L_____ in His coming kingdom.

"Invite!" is our calling to invite others to know J_____ as Lord and Savior.

Pastor Bauman often says, "I_____! I_____! I_____!"

Next Sunday's Readings Job 38:4-18; Romans 10:5-17; Matthew 14:22-33

LIVING THE SERMON... It seems so hard to speak of Christ and His salvation to our unbelieving family and friends. But God sends us forth with the promise that He is always with us in our witness.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Lord, have mercy on us when we falter in our witness due to fear of offense to our family members and friends. Embolden us by Your Holy Spirit to speak Your truth in love. Please open resistant hearts that they may repent and believe in the Gospel.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.* Romans 10:17

Youth Events

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Next Sunday, August 9th Rally Day Noon-2 PM

Please join us for the benefit luncheon for the Branaman family followed by devotions and fun Rally Day activities. Due to the benefit luncheon, KfC will meet until 2 PM.

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

This Friday, August 7th Family Game Night 6-8:30 PM

Youth are invited, along with their families, to join in a night of game playing. Participants are invited to join a Euchre tournament, play board games, or enjoy another activity. Please bring a snack to share.

Next Sunday, August 9th Rallying for Jax and Informational Meeting for 8-12th Graders and their families

Support fellow SPY Youth Jax Branaman by attending, serving, and/or bringing food to the benefit meal. At 1 PM, there will be an Informational Meeting for all youth interested in attending Y4Life in Washington, DC in January (grades 9-12) and Higher Things in July 2027 (grades 8-12).

Next Sunday, August 9th Swimming, Food, Fun, and Fellowship at Lutheran Lake 3-5 PM

Come join us as we celebrate Rally Day by having water fun at Lutheran Lake. The Price family are hosting this event at 13000 West Cedar Tree Drive, Lot 89, Seymour, Indiana 47274. Please bring swim gear and sunscreen. A light dinner will be grilled up by Eric and Linda Scheidt. Carpooling is available leaving from church at 2:30 PM and returning at 5:30 PM. Please contact DCE Probst if you would like to carpool.



Rally Day is Next Sunday!

Rally Day is **next Sunday, August 9th** as we gather around the theme **God Is Our Designer and Builder**. Please plan to attend all the special events planned for this day and make the commitment to be in the Word so that God can continue to mold and shape you by His Spirit and build you up in the faith.

8 and 10:45 AM Divine Services celebrating God's work through His Word.

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School Opening Devotion and Faith Milestones Presentation followed by Sunday School classes for all ages

Noon-2 PM Rallying for Jax Benefit Fundraiser.

Noon-2 PM KFC meets (fifth grade and younger). Join us for devotions and fun activities

1 PM Youth and Parent Information Meeting for upcoming conferences. Youth and parents are encouraged to meet with DCE Probst for more information about the Y4Life Conference in Washington, DC in January (grades 9-12) and the Higher Things Conference (grades 8-12) this summer.

1:30 PM Youth Choirs Parent Meeting. Parents of children and youth who want to learn more about our youth and children's choirs are invited to meet with Kantor Mau in the music room.

3-5 PM SPY (grades 9-12) and C4Life (grades 6-8) swimming party and cookout at Lutheran Lake Lot 89. Need a ride? Contact DCE Probst. We will leave church at 2:30 PM and return at 5:30 PM.

Sign Your Name and Be a Part of History: On Rally Day, you are invited to go into the future Christian Education Center and sign your name on the area where the altar area will be in the Christian Education Center (future location of Spanish worship services, Jesus Time and music during the school days). Our signatures will then be covered by the altar step/chancel platform when it is constructed. We did the same thing 18 years ago under the chancel/altar area when our church was being built. Opportunities to sign your name will be before and after Sunday School (9:15-9:30 and 10:30-10:45) and after the 10:45 AM service.



Stewarding HIS Gifts

Supporting the Lord's Work

There are multiple ways to give to St. Paul. You can always donate online through the website or use the QR code on the back page of this bulletin. **You can make a one-time donation or schedule weekly or monthly donations that you can adjust or cancel at any time.** Scheduling online donations can help donors stay up to date on general fund and ECL pledges. If you have a question about donating to St. Paul or any of the information below, please reach out to Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786 or rachel.fohne@stpaulcolumbus.org.

Extending Christ's Love Pledges

Now that the steel has gone up on the Christian Education Center, it is an excellent time to revisit your Extending Christ's Love pledge! The fulfillment of member pledges is an essential part of our Extending Christ's Love financial plan. If you have forgotten details about your pledge, need an update on how much you have donated, or need to adjust your pledge, please reach out to Rachel Fohne. These details help us with our financial planning. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Donate to our Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization at St. Paul!

As of June 1st, we have begun our new SGO fundraising campaign for the 2027-2028 school year! SGO donations made between June 1, 2026, and May 31, 2027, will support our 2027-2028 school year. A donation to our St. Paul Lutheran SGO directly benefits our Early Childhood Ministry by helping us fund our mission and ministry! Donors receive a 50% state income tax **CREDIT!** You can donate stocks, bonds, mutual funds, grain, and livestock to the SGO and receive a 50% tax credit! Please consult your tax advisor for specific tax advice. You can visit www.lutheransgo.org for more information or speak with Rachel Fohne!

2026-2027 St. Paul SGO Fundraising Goal: \$110,000

Amount Raised as of July 31, 2026 \$200

Extending Christ's Love

"Come! Invite!" Jesus is for all! The Gospel is for all! As the new school year begins, consider those you can invite to join you for the Divine Service, Bible study, Sunday School, our early childhood ministry, Latino outreach, and fellowship events. By your support for Extending Christ's Love, you are creating a space and place for the Word to be shared so that those who are invited can be served with the saving Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Catalog of Needed Items gives you the opportunity to support Extending Christ's Love above your pledge. Items can be reserved in honor of or in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special event. You can find the Catalog online (stpaulcolumbus.org) or print copies are in the gathering space. If you have any questions about the Catalog or need assistance reserving items, please contact Phil Burbrink or Rachel Fohne.

Thanks for your generous support of Extending Christ's Love. Thanks to all who donated items for the Rummage Sales and who served at the sales. Proceeds from both sales totaled **\$3,298.35**. Please continue to pray for this endeavor and for those who will be blessed through the ministry that will occur in the Christian Education Center.

IN OUR PRAYERS... All Schools including our early childhood ministry and all those who teach and those who learn; **Congregations with Pastoral Vacancies** Trinity Dillsboro who extended a call to Pastor Kyle Richardson; **Sick and Recovering:** Lorraine Whitson, Pam Jenkins, Chris Nolting, Barbara Hughes, Arayah Lutz, Marie Tellman, Art Ramsey, Dee Schurman, Jax Branaman, Jennifer Jeffares, Phyllis Fox, Renee Strietelmeier, Doug Brown, Riley Walton, Jill Scheidt, Nancy Meyer (Megan Mathews' mother), Jim Zeleniuk (Doug and Rhodie Brown's friend), Grayson Harker (Irene Shireman's friend), Liz Hettig (Evelyn Pence and Don Strietelmeier's niece), Jan Forbes (Greg Forbes' mother), Skye Spears (Sharon Templeton's granddaughter), Anthony Jaynes (Toni Howarth's father), Gloria Olness and Evelyn Sapper (Nora Cleary's sisters), Katy Garza (Clearys' niece), Lynn Ramberg, Ty Ramberg, Deb Larsen, and Ozzy Hentges (Kallis' friends), Connie Ball, Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friend), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father); **Grieving:** Family of Joseph Welmer (Rita Dettmer's brother); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Bryce Cleery (Judy Sullivan's friend), Shane McGowen (Sally Haak's nephew), Peyton Mullins (Sperrys' friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative), Devin Klein (Adam and Kristy Hall's nephew), Garrett Grider and Terry Redelman (Kallis' friends)

ECM PARENT MEETING... is **this evening** at 6:30 PM in the fellowship room. Childcare is available upon request. Please contact DCE Probst if needed.

OPENING CHAPELS... You are invited to join our school children and their families for chapel on the first day of school and throughout the school year. All chapels

begin at 8:20 AM. Here is the first day of school chapel schedule:

+ Kindergarten—Tomorrow, August 3rd

+ Little Doves—Monday, August 17th

+ Little Lambs—Tuesday, August 18th

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WORKDAY... is **this Tuesday, August 4th** from 9 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 can be dropped off at any time at the trailer located on the east side of the Jonesville warehouse.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY AND MATINS... All are welcome to join us for Bible study and worship every Wednesday beginning **this Wednesday, August 5th**. The morning class meets at 9 AM and is studying Romans. Matins begins at 10:15 AM. The evening class begins at 6 PM and is studying Isaiah.

LWML GAME NIGHT... is **this Friday, August 7th** beginning at 6 PM. This is open to congregation members and friends of all ages, and it is not limited to just the game of euchre. Other card games and board games are available, and there is never a shortage of good food and fun fellowship.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD... Our adult and youth choirs will resume rehearsals in August. We invite all to join us. For more information, contact Kantor Mau.

Sr. Handbells rehearse on Wednesdays at 6 PM beginning August 12th.

Sr. Choir rehearses Wednesdays at 7 PM beginning August 12th.

Small Group Handbells rehearse Mondays at 10 AM beginning August 17th.

Jr. Choir and Children's Choir rehearse during the Sunday School hour.

Choristers rehearse Sundays at 12:15 PM beginning on Sunday, August 16th.

Jr. Handchimes rehearse Sundays at 12:45 PM beginning on Sunday, August 16th.

Jr. Handbells rehearse Sundays at 1:15 PM beginning on Sunday, August 16th.

"PRE-"SCHOOL EVENT... is **Sunday, August 16th** at the education building beginning at 3 PM. Preschoolers and their families will be able to tour their classrooms, meet their teachers, and play together on the playground.

ST PAUL DEWBERRY ICE CREAM SOCIAL... is **Sunday, August 16th** serving from 4-6 PM at the church (5588 East 900 South, Cross Plains) serving hotdogs, coney dogs, sloppy joes, coleslaw, chips, desserts, and four flavors of homemade ice cream. Freewill donation.

HOMESCHOOL RELIGION CLASS... is offered for children in first-sixth grades for those in our church family and community. The class meets Mondays at 10 AM beginning on **Monday, August 17th**. For more information, please contact Pastor Bauman.

ECM REGISTRATION... A few openings remain in the Lambs (3-year-olds) class. Please contact Director Jen Probst or visit the church website for more information.

THANKS TO... On this last Sunday of Summer Sunday School, we extend our thanks to all who taught our First Steps of Faith, children's, youth, and adult classes this summer.

The Response of God's People

Sunday, July 26th

Divine Service: **323**

Communion: **238**

Offering July 19, 2026

General Fund: \$17,360.37

Needed Weekly: \$17,721

Extending Christ's Love: \$34,406.35

including \$1,798.35 Rummage Sale Proceeds and \$50 in celebration of Tom Jackson's Birthday

SGO: \$100

VBS Offering for Tanzania Mission: \$508.58

Offering July 26, 2026

General Fund: \$9,300.53

Extending Christ's Love: \$13,224.59 including \$220

Danny Rhea Wilson Memorials

Harvest Mission for Food Pantry: \$17



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ECM Assistants: Gayla Alesandro, Andrea Cotton, Tara Draeger, Sarah Lewis,

Lisa Seckman, Laurie Schultz, Claudia Sims, Amy Yeley

Reaching out with Christ's Love to Serve and Grow