

so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you,

being  
rooted and  
grounded  
in love

Ephesians 3:17

*Rooted and Grounded in Love*  
*Extending Christ's Love* Sermon Series  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 28, 2024



St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod  
Columbus, Indiana

## Welcome to St. Paul!

We are glad that you have come to God's house to be fed and strengthened by His holy Word. The order of service for today is printed on the **insert** in this bulletin. Guests, we extend a special welcome to you this morning. We are privileged to have you as our guest today and encourage you to worship with us again soon.

**The Family Quiet Room and Restroom** are located outside the doors of the sanctuary and to the left. In the Family Quiet Room, you can hear and see the service. **Assisted hearing devices** are available for the service. Please contact an usher.

Do you need prayer support? Please call Bonnie England at 812-392-2732 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

Little Ones (infants-three years old) in the nursery for a Bible lesson and activity.

Children's class (fifth grade and younger) meets in the third-fourth grade Sunday School room

SPY and C4Life Youth meet for a study led by Pastor Fickenscher

*Extending Christ's Love* Bible study led by Pastor Patterson in the fellowship room

### Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Adam Arnholt

10:45 AM Service Zaylie Gonsior

## Church Calendar

Today	<i>Harvest Mission Sunday</i> <b>8:00 AM Divine Service</b> 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:15 AM Sunday School Teacher Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM <b>10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish</b> Noon Sunday School Teacher Meeting 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 2:00 PM Church Reserved 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
Monday	Church Reserved
Tuesday	Church Reserved 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 AM Bible Study <b>10:15 AM Matins Service</b>
Thursday	Shut-in Visits 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study
Saturday	<b>8:00-10:00 AM Prayer Vigil</b> <b>5:00-7:00 PM Prayer Vigil</b>
Next Sunday	<b>Rally Day</b> Mite Box Sunday <b>8:00 AM Divine Service</b> ECM Staff Installation 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Faith Milestones 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM <b>10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish</b> Noon Lunch Noon All Youth Groups Meet 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 12:30 PM Parent Meeting—Sanctuary 1:15 PM Kona Shaved Ice Truck 1:30 PM National Youth Gathering Informational Meeting—Music Room 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

### SIGN-UP IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

+ RSVP for the August 17<sup>th</sup> Celebratory Meal (or online at [stpaulcolumbus.org](http://stpaulcolumbus.org))

+ To donate food for the Celebratory Meal on August 17<sup>th</sup> and fellowship hour on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Prelude

*Now Thank We All Our God*—K. Kosche  
Jacob Strietelmeier, organ

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the Record of Fellowship*

## Ringing of the Bell

## Opening Hymn

**544 stanzas 1-6**

## Confession of Sins

*please stand* pages 184-185

## Introit

*from Psalm 145*

**P** On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate. I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

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

## Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis

pages 186-189

## Salutation and Collect for the Day

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**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *(sung)* **Amen.**

*please be seated*

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish My covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish My covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember My covenant that is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

[Paul writes:] For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length

and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Triple Alleluia

*please stand* page 190

**G** *(all sing)* Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Gospel Reading

Mark 6:45-56

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the sixth chapter.

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

Immediately [Jesus] made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He dismissed the crowd. And after He had taken leave of them, He went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and He was alone on the land. And He saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw Him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And He got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized Him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard He was. And wherever He came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored Him that they might touch even the fringe of His garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Apostles Creed

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## Little Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

**683**

## Sermon

*Rooted and Grounded in Love*

Ephesians 3:14-21

## Offering

**535**

## Prayer of the Church

*please stand*

## Service of the Sacrament

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## Distribution

**649, 769, 557, 533**

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

## Closing Liturgy

*please stand* pages 199-202

## Closing Hymn

**544 stanza 7**

## Postlude

*Ceremonial Music in B-flat—D. Johnson*

*Thanks to Jacob Strietelmeier for enriching our service through the organ prelude this morning.*

# Rooted and Grounded in Love

## Ephesians 3:14-21

Paul prays for s\_\_\_\_\_ and he gives t\_\_\_\_\_ for God's blessings.

First Petition: Be strengthened with power by the H\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_ that Christ may dwell  
in your h\_\_\_\_\_ through faith.

Second Petition: Be r\_\_\_\_\_ and g\_\_\_\_\_ in love.

Third Petition: Know the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of C\_\_\_\_\_.

Paul thanks God because He is able to do far more abundantly than all that we a\_\_\_\_\_ or  
t\_\_\_\_\_.

### **Next Sunday's Readings—Rally Day**

*Exodus 16:2-15; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:22-35*

*Next Sunday we continue our sermon series on Ephesians with the theme:*

### **Speaking the Truth in Love**

**LIVING THE SERMON...** Questions to consider: Why is it important for us to join with the apostle Paul to pray these three petitions? What has God done in your life that is abundantly more than you ever imagined? How can you strengthen your prayer life, so that it is truly praying without ceasing, asking God for what you and others need and thanking Him for His good gifts?

**PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH...** Pray that we would be faithful and fervent pray-ers, calling upon our heavenly Father. Pray for strength that your heart would be filled with the love of Christ and that you would willingly extend His love to others. Pray that as a congregation, we would remain rooted and grounded in love, in love for God and His Word and in extending His love to others.

**MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK...** *Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow, so that it builds itself up in love.* Ephesians 4:15-16

# Rally Day is next Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

Join us as we celebrate Christian Education and kickoff the new Sunday School year, gathering around the theme *Extending Christ's Love*.

The day includes many events and activities as we prepare to Extend Christ's Love through the Christian Education Center.

Please plan to spend a joy-filled day of worship, learning, fellowship, and fun with your church family!

**8 AM** Rally Day Service with installation of our early childhood ministry staff

**9:15 AM** Fellowship

**9:30 AM** Rally Day Opening in the fellowship room. Faith Milestones Presentation. Extending Christ's Love devotion and activity, followed by Sunday School classes for children, youth, and adults

**10:45 AM** Rally Day Service

**Noon** Young and old are invited to enjoy a hotdog lunch; Please RSVP to Rachel Fohne at [rnolting@alumni.iu.edu](mailto:rnolting@alumni.iu.edu) or 812-343-3786 by **this Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>** if you plan to attend

**12:30-1:15 PM** All youth groups meet for games and activities

**12:30 PM** Parent meeting in the sanctuary (parents of children and youth of all ages) as we discuss long-range planning for youth ministry

**1:15 PM** The Kona Ice Truck will be onsite for tasty treats

**1:30 PM** (approximately) National Youth Gathering Information Meeting for all incoming 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents in the music room



## Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord

Our adult and youth choirs resume rehearsals in August. We invite all to join us. For more information on our choirs and music ministry, please contact Kanor Mau.

**Sr. Handbells** rehearse Wednesdays at 6 PM beginning August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Sr. Choir** rehearses Wednesdays at 7 PM beginning August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Small Group Handbells** rehearse Mondays at 11 AM beginning August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Jr. Choir and Children's Choir** rehearse during the Sunday School hour beginning on Rally Day, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Jr. Handchimes** rehearse Sundays at 12:30 PM beginning August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Jr. Handbells** rehearse Sundays at 1:15 PM beginning August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Choristers** rehearse Sundays at 1:45 PM beginning August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Back to Choir Bash:** Senior choir members and anyone interested in joining choir are invited. Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 PM at the Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum (adjacent to local airport). Barbeque, pitch-in and time to tour the museum. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship. Call Kris Taylor (812-350-0946) to RSVP or if you have questions.



# Extending Christ's Love

## **The Great Hall for Great Mission and Ministry!**

Faithful stewardship is managing all the gifts of God to His glory, to extend His love, and to further His kingdom. This includes the spaces and places God gives us for mission and ministry. The Great Hall in the Christian Education Center will create a wonderful space for Great Mission and Ministry to occur.

### **On Sundays**

- The Great Hall will be used for fellowship hour, especially for children and youth, decreasing congestion in the current fellowship room.
- During Sunday School, the Great Hall can be utilized for a second adult Bible study class.
- The Spanish service will occur in the Great Hall. The chapel area will utilize the furnishings and stained glass windows from the 1887 church (the chapel on the hill).
- Spanish Bible study will meet in the Great Hall following the Spanish service.



### **During School Days:**

- Students will enter the school through the Great Hall. Students will begin their day with Minds-in-Motion, located in the Great Hall.
- Jesus Time and Music class will occur in the chapel area of the Great Hall.
- On days when students cannot go outside for recess due to weather, the Great Hall will provide a space for indoor play.
- Extended Care students will eat lunch in the Great Hall. Many extended care activities will occur in the Great Hall.

### **Additional Opportunities for Mission and Ministry**

- The Great Hall will allow two events that both require a kitchen to occur at the same time. As we continue to grow, we continue to have more scheduling challenges during the week with the fellowship room.
- The Great Hall will provide much needed space during Vacation Bible School week.
- Youth events and activities can occur in the Great Hall.
- The Great Hall will allow for additional seating for large events such as the Easter Breakfast, Christmas Family Fun Night, and the VBS Ice Cream Social.

These are the ways we know that mission and ministry can occur in the Great Hall. However, our God loves to do more abundantly than we ask or think! Your generous support of Extending Christ's Love will enable this vision to become a reality! Please continue to pray for our Extending Christ's Love campaign. Please also pray for God's wisdom and guidance as you consider your support for Extending Christ's Love.

## **Opportunities to Serve**

**Food Donations for Celebration Weekend:** Volunteers are needed to prepare Italian casseroles and desserts for the congregational meal on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and quick breads are needed for the fellowship hour on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up to serve in the gathering space.

## **Mark your calendars for these important dates!**

### **This Saturday, August 3—Prayer Vigil**

Please set aside thirty minutes this Saturday to come and pray for our congregation and submitted prayer requests. Prayer times are 8 AM, 8:30 AM, 9 AM, and 9:30 AM, and 5 PM, 5:30 PM, 6 PM, and 6:30 PM. *Please turn in your prayer request cards before the Prayer Vigil. Additional cards are available in the gathering space.*

## **Saturday, August 17—Commitment Service of Thanksgiving and Celebratory Meal**

At 5 PM, we will gather for a thirty-minute service of praise and thanksgiving where the pledges that have been offered will be dedicated to the Lord. Following the service, we will enjoy a meal together. The menu is a variety of Italian casseroles, garlic bread, green salad and toppings, applesauce, cottage cheese, desserts, and drinks. At the conclusion of the meal, the total amount pledged to that point will be announced.

**RSVP for the meal:** Please sign-up for the meal by Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> in the gathering space or on the church website: [stpaulcolumbus.org](http://stpaulcolumbus.org).

## **Sunday, August 18—Celebration Sunday**

Our Extending Christ's Love celebration continues at our Sunday services on August 18<sup>th</sup> and with an extended fellowship hour.

## **Testimonials**

During the coming weeks, our brothers and sisters in Christ will be sharing their reasons for supporting Extending Christ's Love. Today's testimonial is by Mike Hackman:

*Arriving in Columbus in 1978 we visited all the area LCMS churches. We immediately knew that St. Paul should be our family church. We arrived on the day of the dedication of the Fellowship Hall and had a vision of using the available space in starting a Preschool. With the guidance of Glen Schurman and Pastor Stache, we began the feasibility study of starting a Preschool. We were so pleased when our two children could learn about Jesus and how He is their Savior. The Preschool has now evolved into the Early Childhood Ministry including Kindergarten with an energetic, fantastic, and licensed staff of professionals who have a passion for sharing the Word to our precious children. I have served in many offices of the church, a Sunday School teacher and VBS teacher, and currently serving on the Board of Evangelism. As our church continues to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit, I support the need for Extending Christ's Love with the capital campaign. I hope everyone sees how our current church members and our mission outreach efforts fulfill Christ's Great Commission.*

## **Prayerfully Consider**

Extending Christ's Love is an ambitious project as we seek to meet the current and future needs of our congregation. As we prepare to offer our pledges in August, prayerfully consider how you can support this endeavor. The pledging period is 5 years and 4 months/277 weeks. A weekly gift for 277 weeks (September 2024-December 2029) can become a significant pledge to help us reach our \$9 million goal.

**Questions?** Please contact Extending Christ's Love Co-chairs: Colin and Linda Scheidt or Dalton and Libby Workman.

# Concordia Counseling Opening Service and Celebration

Concordia Counseling, A Lutheran Outreach Ministry, will hold its Opening Service on **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Seymour. The service will mark the official opening of Concordia Counseling, a non-profit ministry that exists to provide compassionate counseling services that are Biblically sound, clinically effective, and financially affordable. Please join us for the installation of Brianna Spray to serve as a full-time school counselor and Rev. Dr. Nicholas Fuller to serve as a full-time outpatient therapist. Deaconess-Elect, Michelle Downey, will be installed as CEO and Clinical supervisor and commissioned as an LCMS Deaconess. A hymn sing will begin at 3:45 PM and the service will begin at 4 PM. There will be a meal following the service and music by "Elements of Jazz." No RSVP required.

**Matching Gift Opportunity:** An anonymous donor has pledged \$50,000 to be matched dollar-for-dollar on all donations to Concordia Counseling now-December 15, 2024. This includes the offering at the Opening Service and Celebration. Donations may be mailed to 504 North Walnut Street, Seymour, Indiana 47274.

**Desserts Needed:** Area congregation have been asked to provide desserts for this celebration. We need volunteers to provide a total of 50 servings of dessert for the meal. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Pastor Bauman, indicating your interest and how many servings your dessert(s) will have.





**IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering:** Jessica Kegeris, Jan Sherbundy, Ray Hall, Marvin Boggs, Jesse Gonsior, Becky Nordman, Vern Sullivan, Bob Runge, Kay Newton, Kathy Hoover, Jill Scheidt, Karen Hendershot, Debbie Schroer, Jill Hoeltke, Gloria Schultz, Pam Jenkins, Francis Baltus (Rob Baltus' mother), Deb Harlan (Mary Scheidt's mother), Annie Walton (Holly Wischmeier's co-worker's daughter), Dale Nowak (Sally Haak's brother-in-law), Beth Schultz (Gloria Schutlz's daughter-in-law), Rena Dillman (Kris' Taylor's friend), Jill Many (Cindy Hendershot's daughter), Dylan Eaken (South Decatur student), Marcell Williams (Bridges' friend's mother), William Leitshuh (Cleary's friend), Julie Phillips (Bonnie Nolting's sister), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), Lisa Benes (Kruger's friend), Kyle Huckaby (Koester's friend), Erica Gretzinger (Jennifer Dougherty's cousin), Naomi Gillespie (Haak's great-niece), Rick Sapper (Cleary's brother-in-law), Julia Carmichael (Kathy Harner and Nancy Lipka's cousin), Lauren Brewer (Kathy Harner and Nancy Lipka's niece), Lucy Boyd (Hinds' neighbor); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Noah Hoeltke and Michael Mullins (friend of the Sperry's)

**THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH...** are given to the glory of God by Steve and Jan Voelz with many thanks to the Lord for 49 years of marriage.

**TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY...** is sponsored by Colin and Linda Scheidt as they remember Colin's father, Nathan Don Scheidt.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETINGS...** are **this morning** after both services in the conference room. Sunday School Superintendent Katie Arnholt will distribute teacher's guides and answer any questions in preparation for Rally Day, next Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**HARVEST MISSION...** is **today** and every **second and fourth Sunday** of the month through October. This mission allows you to extend Christ's Love in two ways: to share extra produce from your garden with your church family and to share in the bounty of others, and to make a donation for these items if you are so inclined. Donations collected will go to St. Paul's Food Pantry to help pay for milk, eggs, meats, etc. If you have any questions, or would like to help with this mission, please contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...** meets **this Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>** at 6 PM in the conference room.

**PRAYER VIGIL SATURDAY...** Please set aside thirty minutes **this Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** to come and pray for our congregation and submitted prayer requests. Prayer times are 8 AM, 8:30 AM, 9 AM, and 9:30 AM, and 5 PM, 5:30 PM, 6 PM, and 6:30 PM. *Please turn in your prayer request cards before the Prayer Vigil. Additional cards are available in the gathering space.*

**ECM PARENT MEETING...** is **Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM in the fellowship room. Childcare is available upon request by contacting Mrs. Probst.

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WORKDAY...** St. Paul serves the OGT by sorting donated items for distribution the first Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in volunteering, come join us on **Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>** from 10 AM-noon. If you cannot attend, the need for volunteers is ongoing so volunteer anytime during their regular hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 AM-3 PM.

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

**KINDERGARTEN OPENING CHAPEL...** You are invited to join our kindergartners and their families for opening chapel on **Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>** at 8:20 AM.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES...** Our summer Wednesday Bible study: *Looking Ahead to Sunday Morning* concludes **this Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>** at 9 AM.

On **Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**, we will begin a new term for our Wednesday morning and evening Bible class. The Wednesday morning class which meets at 9 AM will continue their study of the Book of Acts, beginning with Paul's Second Missionary Journey. The evening class which meets at 6 PM will study First, Second, and Third John followed by the book of Hebrews. Childcare is provided during the evening class.

**EUCHRE NIGHT...** Join us for Euchre and Game Night on **Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>** at 6 PM at the church. The freewill offering collected will benefit Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Remember, there will be games other than euchre available, so plan to join us for an evening of games, fun, and food.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT...** is **Friday-Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** at Lakeview Villages. Dropoff is Friday at 6:30 PM at the Marine Village and pick-up is Saturday at 4 PM.

**WEDDING SHOWER...** The ladies of St. Paul are invited to an afternoon tea bridal shower for Abbigale Humbel, fiancée of Josiah Wofford, on **Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** at 4 PM in the fellowship room. Please RSVP to Glory Wofford at 812-341-0897. Josiah and Abbi will be married at St. Paul on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**ECM STAFFING NEEDS...** Our early childhood ministry is growing! For the 2024-2025 school year, we are seeking extended care helpers, substitute teachers, and substitute teacher assistants. For more information or to apply, please contact Director Jen Probst.

**ECM OPENINGS...** For the 2024-2025 school year, only two openings remain in the Little Lambs (three-year-old) class, and four openings remain in the kindergarten class. The Doves class (four-year-old) is full and a

waiting list has been started. For more information or to register: visit [stpaulcolumbus.org/ecmregistration](http://stpaulcolumbus.org/ecmregistration).

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

- + This Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Prayer Vigil
- + Next Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>: Rally Day
- + Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>: 6 PM Euchre Night
- + Friday-Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation Retreat
- + Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>: 5 PM Commitment Celebration Service and Meal; *RSVP by Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>*
- + Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>: Celebration Sunday
- + Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>: Concordia Counseling Grand Opening Service and Meal at Redeemer, Seymour

## **The Response of God's People**

### **Last Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

Divine Service Attendance: **334**; Communion: **261**  
Offering: **\$11,650.65**      Needed Weekly: \$15,397  
Additional Gifts: \$25,000 Center for Congregations  
Grant for Extending Christ's Love; \$150 Latino  
Outreach; \$20 Harvest Mission

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Ministry**

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ECM Assistants: Gayla Alesandro, Sarah Lewis, and Glory Wofford

*Reaching out with Christ's Love to Serve and Grow*

Connected to Christ ✠ Connected to One Another ✠ Connecting Others to Christ