



## *A Vanishing Act?*

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

Celebration of Ascension  
May 21, 2023

## 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:** Scripture teaches that the Lord's Supper is a meal for baptized believers where the bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, and that through this Sacrament God grants us the forgiveness of sins and strength for our faith. Holy Scripture reminds us in 1 Corinthians 11:27-34 that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm. It is out of love and care for each individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask that those who hold a different belief or church membership than that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are not instructed and confirmed in the faith, or doubt the presence of Christ and His power in the Sacrament to refrain from attending the Lord's Supper. Please respect our position of love in this matter of pastoral care and speak with the pastor with any questions regarding the Lord's Supper.

**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) meet in the Quiet Room

Sunday School classes for ages three-sixth grade

Confirmation Instruction (grades 7-8) led by Pastor Patterson Sr. High Youth in the Youth Room

Adult Bible Study *Families in the Bible* led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room

### Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

Acolytes: 8 AM Madelynn Dougherty

10:45 AM Jax Branaman

## Church Calendar

Today	<b>Celebration of Ascension</b> Recognition of Graduates <b>8:00 AM Divine Service</b> 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 9:30 AM Sunday School Recognition of New Members Recognition of Sunday School Teachers <b>10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish</b> Noon KfC Event until 1:15 PM Noon SPY and C4Life Sauce Making Day and Event until 2:30 PM 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour on WYGS
Monday	11:00 AM Small Group Handbells
Tuesday	10 AM Staff Meeting
Wednesday-Friday	Education Building Floor Cleaning <i>Limited Access to Church Offices</i>
Wednesday	9:00 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM Women's Bible Study
Thursday	Indiana District LCMS Board Meeting <b>10:00 AM Divine Service</b> 3:30 PM Hickory Creek Devotions
Saturday	4-6 PM Jacob Strietelmemier Graduation Open House—Fellowship Room
Next Sunday	<b>Pentecost</b> <b>8:00 AM Divine Service</b> 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 9:30 AM Sunday School <b>10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish</b> 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour on WYGS

**SUMMER NEWSLETTER...** is available in the gathering space or on the website.

**THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH...** are given to the glory of God by Julia Bense in memory of Ken and their anniversary.

**TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY...** is sponsored by Wilbur and Bonnie England in celebration of their 72nd wedding anniversary.

**IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering:** Susan Newton, Dee Schurman, Gloria Schultz, Jim and Carol Probst, Debby Rhodes, Barb Killey, Karen Kruger, Kathy Adams, Jack Baker, Gayle Tertocha, Dorothy Hischke, Phyllis Fox, Kathy Hoover, Elizabeth Scheidt, Henrietta Nyffeler, Jim Baute (Jeff Booher's uncle), Jeff Dyer (Nancy Dyer's son), Brent Pavey (Dean and Donna Hartke's son-in-law), Charles Oliver (Corbin Oliver's grandfather), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), Janeen Bloomenberg, Jim Pence and Tom Ritchey (Dennis and Janice Hoeltke's brothers-in-law), Regan Hoevener (Kristy Hall's sister-in-law), CW Milam (Sandy Lagneau's brother), Ron and Dianne Hargraves (Carolyn Schuette's sister and brother-in-law), Naomi Gillespie (Haak's great-niece), Mackenzie Cameron (Kathy Harner's granddaughter), Barb Wiltsey (James Wiltsey's mother), Gerald and Denise Maslowski (Sariina Kalli's father and sister), Noah LaSpina (Renee Strietelmeier's friend), Patsy Lewis (Matthew Lewis' mother) **Active Military:** Noah Hoeltke and Jason Eddleman (Don Coffey's grandson).

**WE WELCOME...** into our family of faith today Lynn and Bev Hoeltke and Abigail Bauman at the 8 AM service and Walter and Debby Rhodes at the 10:45 AM service. May God bless them as they with us receive the gifts of our ascended Savior and King and serve Him.

At the beginning of Sunday School today, we will recognize and welcome those who have joined our congregation in the past six months. In addition to those who are received into membership today, we will also be recognizing Bob and Sandy Banister, Lauren Banister, Caroline Turi, Bob and Karen Burbrink, Pastor and Deaconess Fickenscher, Nancy Lipka, Marcus, Emily, Liam and Collins Linke, and Pam Jenkins. We give thanks to God for all those He has led to our congregation.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER RECOGNITION...** As we near the end of the regular Sunday School year, we will recognize our Sunday School teachers and staff at the beginning of Sunday School today. Before Jesus ascends, He commands His church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching. We are thankful for all those who have used their time and talents to teach young and old this school year.

**ALL YOUTH GROUPS MEET TODAY...** All youth groups will enjoy a pizza lunch after second service. KfC (current fourth graders and younger) meets until 1:15 PM for summer games and fun. C4Life (current fifth-seventh graders) and SPY (current eighth-twelfth graders) will make the taco sauce for the fair and then enjoy games and activities until 2:30 PM.

Plan to attend an afternoon of Christian growth, fellowship, and service!

**ECM CREW CARWASH FUNDRAISER...** The Board of Early Childhood Ministry is raising funds for the ECM with Crew Carwash this month! Paper coupons for \$11 Basic washes will be available in the gathering space between services today. Digital coupons for \$11 Basic, \$17 Basic Plus, or \$22 Ultimate washes can be purchased the entire month of May by following the link on this QR Code. St. Paul ECM receives **50%** of the sales! Coupons can be redeemed at any Crew Carwash location and have no expiration date.



**CLARITY BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN...** has begun and concludes on Father's Day. Please take a bottle, fill it up with coins and/or bills and return it to church on or before **Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**STEP UP 4 LIFE...** Join Lutherans For Life now through **June 24<sup>th</sup>** as we Step Up 4 Life. This annual campaign is designed to celebrate God's gift of life and support the life-affirming work of Lutherans for Life, the nation's leader in Gospel-motivated responses to today's life issues. You can join St. Paul's Step Up 4 Life Team or support a walker on the team. For more information, contact Michelle Bauman or Dave Probst.

**SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS...** Beginning this week, Jackie Arnholt will only be in the church office on Tuesday mornings. Bulletin deadline is 8 AM on Tuesdays.

**CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED...** The floors in the education building will be cleaned and waxed **this Wednesday-Friday, May 24-26**. Access to the education building will be limited during this time and church offices will be closed. If you need pastoral care or to speak to a staff member, please call them directly on their cell phone.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...** is **this Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 PM in the fellowship room. The theme is *It Is Well: Walking Away from Anxiety and into God's Word*. All women are invited to attend.

**SPECIAL DIVINE SERVICE...** The Board of Directors of the Indiana District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are meeting here at St. Paul **this Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**. Their meeting will begin with a Communion service at 10 AM with Pastor Fickenscher preaching. You are invited to this service to receive the Lord's gifts,

**GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE...** Scott and Renee Strietelmeier invite you to a celebration of Jacob's graduation **this Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** from 4-6 PM in the fellowship room.

**175<sup>TH</sup> PLANNING MEETING...**Your help is needed to plan for upcoming events for this summer and fall. Please plan to remain after the 10:45 AM service for a thirty-minute planning meeting to see how you can serve on **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**VBS NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRIBUTION...**begins **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please stop by the table in the gathering space and sign up for a neighborhood then simply hang a flyer on each door of the neighborhood any time before **Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**.

**MARRIAGE AND GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE...**Pastor and Michelle Bauman invite you to an Open House celebrating the marriage and college graduation of Nathaniel and Abby on **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** from 5-7 PM in the fellowship room. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Michelle by phone or text at 812-350-2732 by Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL...** meets during June and July. Pastors Patterson and Fickenscher and Kantor Dan Mau will be teaching the adult class in June and July. Deaconess Fickenscher will be teaching the youth class. We need volunteers to teach our KfC class (preschool-fifth grade on June 25, July 2 and 16. Please sign up in the gathering space if you would like to serve one or more Sundays.

**ST. PAUL ECM TEACHER ASSISTANTS NEEDED...**Part-time teacher assistant positions are open for the upcoming school year. Class times will be in the mornings, two or three

days a week. If you are interested in serving as a teacher assistant, please request an application from Director Jen Probst at [director@stpaulcolumbus.org](mailto:director@stpaulcolumbus.org).

**SIGN-UP TO SERVE...** Your help is needed to help us reach out with Christ's love! Please consider serving in one of the following ways:

- + Summer Sunday School: Teachers needed for the children's class on June 25, July 2, and July 16.
- + Taco Barn at the County Fair
- + VBS Helpers and Leaders—sign-up to serve online at [stpaulcolumbus.org](http://stpaulcolumbus.org) or in the gathering space.

**THANK YOU...**Girl Scout Troop 3060 would like to thank everyone at St Paul Lutheran Church for contributing to, shopping at, and praying for our Fundraiser Yard Sale. It was a success greatly due to your support!

**THANKS TO...** everyone who prepared the hamburger this past week for sauce making today.

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

**Last Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Divine Service Attendance: **352**; Communion: **278**

Sunday School Attendance: **150**

Offering: **\$72,16.49** Needed Weekly: \$14,426

Additional gifts: Friends of Clifty \$175; Radio Ministry \$105

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

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ECM Teachers: Anne Wiltsey (kindergarten); Jen Probst and Michelle Schultz (preschool)

ECM Assistants: Gayla Alesandro, Sarah Lewis, Kacey Patterson, Glory Wofford, and Amy Yeley

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