

The Shepherd Gathers the Scattered

Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 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. 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.

Church Busy Bags are available for little ones. The bags are by the coat room in the gathering space.

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
Sunday School classes for preschool-sixth grade
Confirmation Classes for grades 7-8 led by DCE Probst
SPY Youth Class (grades 9-12) led by Pastor Patterson
Concordia Counseling Presentation led by Deaconess Michelle Downey meets in the fellowship room. *Lord, Teach Us to Pray* resumes next Sunday.

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Henry Siefer
10:45 AM Service Leo Patterson

Church Calendar

Silent Auction Now-November 29th at 6 PM
No School this week—Thanksgiving Break
Church Office Closed Wednesday-Friday, 11/25-11/27

Today **Christ the King Sunday**
ECL Silent Auction Begins
8:00 AM Divine Service
9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM
9:10 AM Fellowship
9:30 AM Sunday School/Concordia Counseling Presentation
10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish
Noon Lunch
12:15 PM Youth Confirmation
12:45 PM Jr. Handchimes Rehearsal
1:15 PM Jr. Handbells Rehearsal
2:00 PM Guitar Class
7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Monday-Tuesday Teachers Conference—Indianapolis
Monday 10:00 AM Small Group Handbells
Wednesday 9:00 AM Bible Study
10:15 AM Matins Service
7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service
Thursday **Thanksgiving Day**
Next Sunday **First Sunday of Advent**
8:00 AM Divine Service
9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM
9:10 AM Fellowship
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish
Noon Lunch
Noon Youth Gingerbread Dough Making
Noon Confirmation Make-Up/Work Ahead
12:45 PM Jr. Handchimes Rehearsal
1:15 PM Jr. Handbells Rehearsal
5:00 PM Pitch-In Supper
6:00 PM Annual Meeting
ECL Silent Auction Ends
7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY… is sponsored in memory of C. Joan Scheidt, mother of Colin and Tim Scheidt and Natalie Pollert.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS… are given for thanksgiving and the beautification of God's house.

Christ the King Sunday

Prelude *Prelude and Fughetta*—H. Willan

Welcome and Announcements In the Lord's Service: Deaconess Michelle Downey, Concordia Counseling
Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn *Jr. Choir sings stanza 3* **525**

Confession of Sins page 151

Kyrie pages 152-153

Hymn of Praise *This Is the Feast* page 155

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. C ***(sung)*** **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ***(spoken)*** **Amen.** *please be seated*

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I Myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue My flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, My servant David, and He shall feed them: He shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

P This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

[Paul writes:] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under His feet." But when it says, "all things are

put in subjection," it is plain that He is excepted who put all things in subjection under Him. When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all.

℗ This is the Word of the Lord. **℃ Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *please stand and sing* page 156

℃ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter. **℃ *(sung)* Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus says:] "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.'

"Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and His angels. For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord. **℃ *(sung)* Praise to You, O Christ.**

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day **540 stanzas 1-4**

Sermon *The Shepherd Gathers the Scattered* Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Apostles Creed *please stand* page 159

Prayer of the Church

Offering **735**

Service of the Sacrament *please stand* pages 160-163

Distribution **532, 531, 547, 852, 512** *standing for stanza 7*

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

Post-Communion Canticle *Thank the Lord* *please stand* page 164

Closing Liturgy page 166

Closing Hymn **540 stanzas 5-6**

Postlude *All Glory Be to God on High* (Hymn 947)—G Böhm

Annual Meeting Packets are available in the gathering space.
Please pick one up to read and review before next Sunday's meeting.
The Annual Meeting is next Sunday, November 29th at 6 PM with childcare provided.
A pitch-in supper begins at 5 PM (meat and drinks provided). Please bring a dish to share.

The Silent Auction begins today and continues until 6 PM next Sunday, November 29th.
Proceeds benefit Extending Christ's Love. Thanks to all who donated items.

Please plan to attend the Concordia Counseling presentation during today's Sunday School hour.

Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service is this Wednesday, November 25th at 7 PM.

The Shepherd Gathers the Scattered
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Where were the places that God's people, including Ezekiel, had been scattered?

What does the LORD promise He will do for His scattered sheep when they are gathered before Him?

The LORD will gather His scattered sheep through His servant D_____, who will be their Shepherd King.

On the great day when the Shepherd King gathers His scattered sheep, there will be a s_____.

The u_____ shepherds will be judged and condemned.

A separation between the fat and l_____ sheep (Ezekiel) or the sheep and the g_____ (Jesus).

How does the LORD desire the fat sheep serve the lean sheep?

Even though the sheep of our Shepherd King are scattered throughout the world, how does He serve us even now?

On the Last Day, your Shepherd King will gather you and all His scattered sheep, and we will i_____ the kingdom, prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Thanksgiving Eve Readings *Deuteronomy 26:1-11; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 12:13-21*
Next Sunday's Readings—First Sunday in Advent *Isaiah 64:1–9; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 11:1-10*

LIVING THE SERMON… Until the Great Day when our Shepherd King gathers us and all His scattered sheep, we are to serve and care for the "lean sheep" and the "least of these". Consider those God has placed in your life who need your help, care, and compassion and how you can extend Christ's love to them to serve and support them in their time of need.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH… As we celebrate Thanksgiving, give thanks to God for all His blessings, most especially that our Good Shepherd laid down His life for you so that you are forever under the care of your Shepherd King. Pray that you would use the gifts God has given you to serve the least of these. Pray for the mission of Concordia Counseling and for those who serve that through their sharing of the Gospel and their Christ-like compassion to those in need the weak would be strengthened and the struggling would be made whole.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK… *Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!* 2 Corinthians 9:15

Extending Christ's Love

Almost 4.2 million dollars in 27 months! That's how much you and your brothers and sisters in Christ have contributed to Extending Christ's Love. Your remarkable generosity means that we have not needed to begin borrowing through Lutheran Church Extension Fund. The result is that every gift given to this point has been applied to the project and not to interest payments.

Thanks to everyone who donated desserts and for those who took desserts home with them last Sunday for our annual **Baking for the Building.** Thanks to your generosity $1,200 was raised.

The **Silent Auction** begins this morning and continues through next Sunday, November 29th at 6 PM (the beginning of the Annual Meeting). Thanks to everyone who donated items for this year's auction and thanks to all who will support Extending Christ's Love by bidding on items.

- **Gayla Alesandro's Retirement Recognition:** After 31 years of service in our early childhood ministry, Mrs. Al will be retiring at the end of the school year. She has requested that in honor of her upcoming retirement, gifts be given for classroom furnishings in the early childhood center. If you would like to honor Gayla in this way, please make your gift before January 24, 2027.
- **Catalog of Needed Items:** If you have been considering sponsoring needed items in the Christian Education Center or the office area in the existing church, now is the time to reserve your items. These gifts, over and above your pledge, can be given in honor of, memory of, or thanksgiving for a loved one or special event. Over $260,000 has been given or pledged for these items to this point. Thanks be to God! The deadline to reserve furnishings and other items in the Christian Education Center is February 1, 2027. The deadline to reserve furnishings and other items in the office area is May 1, 2027.
- **Trivia Night—Saturday, January 9th at 6 PM:** Gather a group of six people for a night of fun and fellowship. Cost per table is $250 which will literally purchase a new table for use in our church. To sponsor a table, please contact DCE Jen Probst. Childcare will be provided.
- **Thrivent Choice Dollars:** Thrivent members—the deadline to designate your Choice Dollars has been moved up to December 31, 2026. All Thrivent members now have Choice Dollars to designate, and the amount of Choice Dollars available to each member has increased. Don't miss out on this opportunity! If you are a Thrivent member, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars before the end of the year. You can also designate your Choice Dollars by phone by calling 800-847-4836. When prompted say, "Thrivent Choice" and then press 1 to direct your choice dollars.
- **Pledges:** If you are able, consider accelerating the fulfillment of your pledge or increasing your pledge. If you haven't made a pledge, consider doing so. The more that is donated now will save us on financing charges in the future.
- **St. Paul Lutheran SGO:** We continue to receive donations for the Indiana State SGO program. On January 1, 2027, the federal SGO program will begin. Rachel Fohne will give a presentation at the annual meeting about these two programs and how your contributions support our school ministry and provide tax credits on your federal and state taxes. Participation in both the St. Paul Lutheran State and Federal SGO programs increases our yearly general fund net income which is moved to Extending Christ's Love. In 2025, $120,000 was transferred to Extending Christ's Love.

We give thanks to God for your prayers and generous gifts. If you have any questions, please contact Warren Scheidt, Building Committee Chair or Phil Burbrink, Finance Committee Chair.

Youth Events



KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Christmas Family Fun Night, Sunday, December 13th

Christmas caroling to our shut-ins begins at 3 PM. At 5 PM supper is served at church followed by gingerbread house decorating and other family activities.

C4Life (sixth-eighth grade) and SPY (ninth-twelfth grade)

Next Sunday, November 29th Noon-2 PM—Servant Event: Gingerbread Dough Making

Join us for Zwanzigz pizza followed by making the gingerbread dough for the gingerbread houses that will be used at Christmas Family Fun Night.

Next Sunday, November 29th 6-7:30 PM—Servant Event: Childcare at the Annual Meeting

C4Life and SPY youth will enjoy supper with their family and friends from 5-6 PM and then provide childcare during the Annual Meeting.

Sunday, December 6th 12:15 PM—Servant Event: Icing Making

All sixth graders and SPY youth are invited to stay for lunch and help us make the icing for the gingerbread houses while the seventh and eighth graders are in confirmation class.

Sunday, December 6th 1:45 PM—Youth Christmas Party

After icing making, confirmation, and youth choirs, all SPY and C4Life youth are invited to the Youth Christmas Party in the education building. The gift exchange this year is *Christmas Accessories.* (necklaces, hats, slippers, etc.), with a value of $10 or less.

Sunday, December 13th—Servant Event and Fellowship: Christmas Caroling and Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

Youth and their families are invited to join us at church at 3 PM as we go Christmas caroling to our shut-ins. At 5 PM, we will celebrate together at our Christmas Family Fun Night. Youth will participate in a gingerbread house decorating contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated houses.

Sign up for the App

Stay up to date with the latest events and updates regarding youth activities. Download the Remind app and enter the following: C4Life@4aef23g (grades 6-8) and SPY@ge9993 (grades 9-12).

Friends are always welcome. For more information, speak to DCE Probst or a youth counselor.

Stewarding HIS Gifts

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 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!

Multiple Ways to Give with Potential Tax Advantages

Did you know there are strategic, tax advantaged ways to give to St. Paul? You can donate appreciated securities directly to St. Paul to fulfill your General Fund or Extending Christ's Love pledges. Donating appreciated securities such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds may offer a tax advantage to the donor. Generally, the tax-deductible value

of a gift of securities is the current market value as of the date of the gift. Appreciation (capital gains) of this donated security is generally not taxable to the donor.

Some employers even offer employee stock purchase plans. If you are enrolled in such a plan, you have the option to donate these appreciated securities directly to St. Paul. Reach out to your employer to see what options are available to you. Also, farmers who donate commodities such as grain directly to the church might be able to receive valuable tax benefits. As always, please consult with your tax advisor about your specific situation.

Donate to our Indiana St. Paul Lutheran SGO!

Support our SGO fundraising campaign! 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 funding 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 Indiana St. Paul SGO Goal: $110,000 **Amount Raised as of October 31, 2026** $20,550

New for 2027: Federal St. Paul Lutheran SGO: The federal government is rolling out a national SGO program.

After January 1, 2027, every taxpayer can contribute up to $1,700 to our federal SGO which will be a 100% tax credit. In other words, you can give any amount up to $1,700, and you will receive all of it back as a credit on your federal taxes. Married couples filing jointly can receive up to a $3,400 tax credit! Donations to our federal SGO will help fund scholarships for our kindergarten students. More information about the federal St. Paul Lutheran SGO program and how to participate will continue to be shared in church publications and at the Annual Meeting.

SCAN ME

IN OUR PRAYERS… Sick and Recovering: Jacob Howarth, Shirley Riehn, Carol Probst, Pam Wint, Nora Cleary, Rob Baltus, Carolyn Schuette, Mike Bridges, Sandy Lagneau, Gloria Schultz, Conner Davis, Chris Nolting, Barbara Hughes, Arayah Lutz, Marie Tellman, Art Ramsey, Dee Schurman, Jax Branaman, Jennifer Jeffares, Phyllis Fox, Jill Scheidt, Jan Brown (Taylor Fickenscher's mother), Chris Linke, Barb Wiltsey (James Wiltsey's Mother), Elam Spicer (Daniel and Mackenzie Wint's friend), Laurie Hoover (Carolyn Wilkerson's neighbor), Randy Fox (Kelley Gonsior's father), Nancy Fromer (Sue Kitchin's cousin), Michelle Matthews (Ray and Pat Hall's niece), Todd Gant (Strietelmeier's friend), Ursula Köhne (Liesel Murphy's grandmother), Teresa Hart (Claudette Schroer's sister), Bruce Ness (Vicki Howarth's brother), Andy and Patty Trobaugh (Katrina Smith's friends), Bob McDonald (Wendy Wiederhoeft's father), Ginger Stache (Doreen's daughter-in-law), Dakota Faith and Chaleece Leckron (Jayne Dornquast's friends), Pastor Jeff Pflug, Grayson Harker (Irene Shireman's friend), Liz Hettig (Evelyn Pence and Don Strietelmeier's niece), Brittany and Skye Spears (Sharon Templeton's relatives), Anthony Jaynes (Toni Howarth's father), Katy Garza (Clearys' niece), Lynn Ramberg, Ty Ramberg, and Deb Larsen (Kallis' friends), Connie Ball, Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friend), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father); **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)

THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER… is available in the gathering space and online at stpaulcolumbus.org.

SUNDAY LUNCHES…

Today Chicken Wraps
Next Sunday, November 29th Zwanzigz Pizza—Dough Making Day
December 6th Meatball Subs
December 13th Taco Bar

DEWBERRY HAM AND TURKEY SUPPER… is **this evening** from 4-6 PM. Freewill offering. The church is located at 5588 East 900 South, Cross Plains.

HOLIDAY CLOSING AND DEADLINES… All announcements for next Sunday's bulletin should be submitted by 8 AM tomorrow, November 23rd. The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Wednesday-Friday, November 25th-27th.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DONATIONS… Every year we are blessed to have a great turnout for our Christmas Family Fun Night. If you would like to donate items, please sign up on the sheet posted in the gathering space. All items should be brought to church by next Sunday, November 29th.

Volunteers Needed to help bake and construct gingerbread houses beginning **Monday, November 30th.** The gingerbread houses will be assembled on **Wednesday, December 9th.**

Mark your calendars for Christmas Family Fun Night on **Sunday, December 13th.** Christmas caroling to our shut-ins begins at 3 PM. At 5 PM supper is served at church followed by gingerbread house decorating and other family activities.

ADVENT SERVICES… *Crispy Leaves and Mighty Trees* is the theme of all our Advent services (Sundays and Wednesdays). Our midweek Advent services are **Wednesdays, December 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd** beginning at 6:45 PM. Please plan to attend and invite others as we prepare and rejoice in Christ's coming to us.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE… is **Sunday, December 20th** at the 10:45 AM service. Speaking parts for our second-sixth graders were assigned this past week. Students will begin working on their speaking parts during Sunday School. Parents are also encouraged to work with their children at home. If you have any questions or would like your child to participate, please contact DCE Jen Probst.

ECM REGISTRATION NOW OPEN… *We need your help in promoting our Christ-centered, fully accredited early childhood ministry.* Please share the information flyers on the front table in the gathering space with family, friends, and neighbors who have preschool and kindergarten-aged children or direct them to our website at stpaulcolumbus.org. Director Jen Probst is always willing to provide tours of our school to interested families. The 2027-2028 school year is our first year in the Christian Education Center enabling us to serve more students, planting the seed of God's Word in their hearts.

Financial aid is available to all families, so that finances are not an obstacle for any family member to attend. For more information, please contact DCE Jen Probst.

MRS. AL RETIREMENT RECOGNITION… Gayla Alesandro, known to our students as Mrs. Al, has announced her retirement after 31 years of service in our early childhood ministry. She will continue serving through the end of the school year. Mrs. Al has requested all gifts in honor of her retirement be given for classroom furnishings. If you would like to honor her service with a gift, please designate on your check or online donation that it is for "Mrs. Al's Retirement." Please make your donation before Sunday, January 24th, our National Lutheran Schools Week celebration.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE… We gladly lift up in prayer all who are in need. However, twice a year we update our prayer list. The prayer list will be updated on the First Sunday in Advent, **November 29th.** If you, a family member or friend, need to remain on the prayer list, please contact Mackenzie Wint by email (mackenzie.wint@stpaulcolumbus.org) or at the church office (812-376-6504) by 8 AM **tomorrow, November 23rd.**

2027 RADIO MINISTRY AND FLOWER CHARTS… have been posted in the gathering space. The amount for sponsoring our radio ministry and the *Lutheran Hour* remains at $125 for 2027.

PRAYER CHAIN… Bonnie England is updating the prayer chain list. We welcome new links in the chain to pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ. If interested, please call Bonnie at 812-447-7895. Praying for others is one way of serving God.

The Response of God's People

Sunday, November 8th

Divine Service: **379**
Communion: **293**
Sunday School: **161**

GIVE

Offering

General Fund: $12,573.97
Needed Weekly: $17,721
Extending Christ's Love: $52,829.47 including $1,200 from Baking for the Building; $250 for Trivia Night; $381 from Thrivent Choice Dollars
Radio Ministry: $250
St. Paul Lutheran Church Music Department: $14,741

Upcoming Services and Special Events

Please join us for the special services and events and invite others!

This Wednesday, November 25 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service
Wednesdays, December 2. 9, 16, and 23 6:45 PM Midweek Advent Services
Sunday, December 6 SPY and C4Life Christmas Party
Sunday, December 13 3 PM Christmas Caroling; 5 PM Christmas Family Fun Night
Thursday, December 17 Early Childhood Ministry Parents Day
Saturday, December 19 5 PM Las Posadas Service and Fiesta
Sunday, December 20 10:45 AM Children's Service; Rehearsal is Saturday, December 19th from 9-10:30 AM
7 PM Christmas Concert; 6:40 PM Pre-concert Harp Recital
Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve 5:30 PM Candlelight Service; 5:10 PM Pre-service Carol Singing
10 PM Candlelight and Communion Service; 9:40 PM Pre-service Carol Singing
Friday, December 25—Christmas Day 10 AM Festival Communion Service
Sunday, December 27—Christmas Celebration Sunday
Thursday, December 31—New Year's Eve 5:30 PM Communion Service
Sunday, January 3—Celebration of Epiphany Installation of Officers

St. Paul Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Ministry

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ECM Assistants: Gayla Alesandro, Andrea Cotton, Tara Draeger, Sarah Lewis,
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Reaching out with Christ's Love to Serve and Grow