

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is  
at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

–Mark 1:15 ESV



*It's Time!*

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 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

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

*The Faith in Art* led by Deaconess Fickenscher resumes next Sunday

*Connecting to Christ in Worship* led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room

### Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Sarah Arnholt

10:45 AM Service Zaylie Gonsior

## Church Calendar

### National Lutheran Schools Week

Today	<b>8:00 AM Divine Service</b> 9:10 AM Fellowship 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 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 12:15 PM Confirmation 12:30 PM Jr. Handchimes 1:15 PM Jr. Handbells 1:45 PM Choristers 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
Monday	ECM Open Registration Begins 9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class 11:00 AM Small Group Handbells
Tuesday	6:30 PM Girls Scouts
Wednesday	<b>8:20 AM Doves and Kindergarten Chapel</b> 9:00 AM Bible Study <b>10:15 AM Matins Service</b> 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Sr. Handbells 7:00 PM Sr. Choir
Thursday	<b>8:20 AM Lambs Chapel</b> 1:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit
Next Sunday	<b>NLSW Celebration Sunday</b> <b>8:00 AM Divine Service</b> 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM <b>10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish</b> 11:45 AM Lunch Noon-1:15 PM KFC 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 12:15 PM Confirmation 2:00 PM SPY and C4Life Broomball 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER...** is available in the gathering space and online. The February Newsletter also includes the 2023 Annual Report which you are encouraged to review and keep for future reference.

**2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS...** are on the table in the gathering space by the coat room. If you have not picked up your 2024 offering envelopes, they are also on the table.

**IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering:** Lou Anne Denny, Pat Hall, John Sasse, Bob Runge, Jeff Schroer, Herschel Scheidt, Cheryal Hinds, Don Schroer, Charlotte Williams, Dawn Deiwert, Sharon Cline, Kay Newton, Walter and Debby Rhodes, Jan Sherbundy, Gloria Schultz, Kathy Adams, Gayle Tertocha, Dorothy Hischke, Phyllis Fox, Kathy Hoover, Kirsten Stache (Stache's daughter-in-law), Ann Eder (Jennifer Seifer's grandmother), Eric Otte (Jeff Booher's coworker), Robert Reeves (Danny and Sandy Johnson's friend), Jan Haak Davis (Larry Haak's cousin), Beulah Thompson (Linda Scheidt's mother), Betsy Birch (Todd Scheidt's mother-in-law), Roe East (Dean and Donna Hartke's brother-in-law), Rick Sapper (Cleary's brother-in-law), Rena Dillman (Kris Taylor's friend), Preston Humbel (Wofford's friend), Susan (Arnholt) Hornback, 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 Blomenberg, 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), Noah LaSpina (Renee Strietelmeier's friend); **Active Military:** Noah Hoeltke

**BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST...** We rejoice as Gracelyn Mae Potter, daughter of Luke and Tatum, is born again of water and the Spirit at the 10:45 AM service today. May God bless and keep Gracelyn in the true faith all her days.

**THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH...** are given by Steve and Cathy Potter in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of the baptism of their granddaughter Gracelyn.

**TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY...** is sponsored by Jim and Nora Cleary in thanksgiving as they celebrate their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**SUNDAY LUNCHESES...** Please consider signing up to serve lunch on Sunday. The sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space. Here are the upcoming menus:

Today: Taco bar

Next Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>: Chicken nuggets and macaroni and cheese—Kids for Christ Event

February 4<sup>th</sup>: Chicken Wraps

February 11<sup>th</sup>: Hotdogs with macaroni and cheese

**LWML SIGN-UP...** St. Paul's Lutheran Women in Mission, LWML, held its annual meeting yesterday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. All confirmed women of the church are invited to join our outreach and service organization. If you missed the annual meeting, Membership Sundays are **today and next Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please stop by the table in the gathering space

to see what the LWML is all about and to sign up to serve in 2024. Activity and project sign-up sheets will be available there as well. Membership dues are \$10 per year and can be paid to Treasurer Linda Scheidt at any time.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...** meets **February 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6 PM in the conference room. The study is *More Than Anything: Loving God Above Everything Else*. Women of all walks of life are invited to join. This study meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month.

**NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK...** is **this week January 22-28**. Our Sunday celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week is **Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**. Our early childhood ministry students will sing at the 10:45 AM service. After the service, our KfC event will include both church and early childhood ministry children and their families. Lunch will be provided for all with activities and events from noon-1:15 PM.

**ST. PETER'S CONCERT...** St. Peter's, Columbus invites you to a concert **next Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** at 3:30 PM featuring their musicians Daniel Bodemann and Lindsey Gugli.

**CAMP LAKEVIEW REGISTRATION...** Children, youth, and families are invited and encouraged to sign up early for Camp Lakeview and Lakeview Villages programs between **February 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>**. Open registration for all programs opens on **February 8<sup>th</sup>**. Programs are available for students and families of all ages! For more information, please pick up the Summer Camp brochure on the front table in the gathering space, visit Lakeview's website at [www.lakeview.camp](http://www.lakeview.camp) or call the camp at 812-342-4815.

**EUCHRE AND GAME NIGHT...** The LWML invites you to Euchre and Game Night on **Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** beginning at 6 PM. Enjoy fun and fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. \$5 to play to benefit LWML missions. Attendees can bring a snack to share, if they so desire.

**WHITE CREEK SCHOOL BENEFIT DINNER...** The second annual "Good Times Great Cause" Benefit Dinner is **Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 6-10 PM at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds. The event includes a catered meal, cash bar, and live music from the Keith Swinney Band. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$250 for a table of eight. Tickets can be purchased online at [whitcreek.org](http://whitcreek.org) under the Special Events tab or calling the school office at 812-342-6832.

**UPCOMING CONCERT...** On **Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** at 4 PM for a Concert featuring the Columbus Brass Quintet and Kantor Dan Mau, organist. The program will include works for brass, organ, brass and organ, and several

congregational hymns. Please plan to attend and invite others for an afternoon of Word and song.

**CONCORDIA COUNSELING CENTER...** Thanks for your prayers and financial support for this new outreach initiative. If you would like to donate, please make your check out to Concordia Counseling Center and mail it to PO Box 704, Seymour, Indiana 47274. The Indiana District LCMS will match donations up to \$100,000. Donation forms are available in the gathering space. Please make your donation by **February 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**GALANTINE'S DAY BRUNCH...** Join the Moms in the Word group on **Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** at 11 AM for a fun Galentine's Day brunch at Upland in Columbus. The moms will be gathering without children for this event. We kindly ask you RSVP by Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> to Mackenzie Wint by text or phone at 812-528-1176.

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING...** Please plan to attend a special voters meeting on **Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 AM in the fellowship room. The Planning Committee through the Church Council will present a motion to begin a capital campaign for the final phase of the Thirty Year Master Plan and to form a Finance Committee and Building Committee for these next steps. Information about the motion, frequently asked questions, and how to vote in absentia will be distributed before February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**LENTEN MEAL HOSTED NEEDED...** Please sign up in the gathering space if you would like to host the Lenten supper on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Meals will be served before each

of the Wednesday services beginning at 5:30 PM. Ash Wednesday is **February 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**TRINITY DINNER AUCTION...** The auction steering committee is currently seeking donations of items such as desserts, one-of-a-kind items, gift baskets, event tickets, memorabilia, handcrafted items, experiences, gift cards or gift certificates, and more for our live and silent auctions. For more information or to donate items please contact Erin Brooks [ebrooks@trinitycougars.org](mailto:ebrooks@trinitycougars.org) 812-524-8547.

**POSITION AVAILABLE...** Camp Lakeview is seeking a Retreats and Registrations Coordinator. This person will serve the ministry at camp by providing Christ-filled customer service while handling retreat group reservations, summer camp registrations, and office administration tasks. This is a year-round, full-time role with benefits. For more details and to submit your resume, go to [lakeview.camp/work](http://lakeview.camp/work).

**THANKS FROM...** Thank you to everyone that surprised us with thoughtful, generous gifts at Christmas! They have been/will be very much enjoyed. We are very blessed to be at a church that so greatly appreciates its pastors and church workers.  
--Pastor and Deaconess Fickenscher

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

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

Divine Service Attendance: **272**; Communion: **227**

Sunday School Attendance: **169**

Offering: **\$16,059.75**

Needed Weekly: **\$15,397**

Additional Gifts: **\$525** Radio Ministry

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

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ECM Assistants: Gayla Alesandro, Sarah Lewis, Glory Wofford, Amy Yeley, Jenna Green

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