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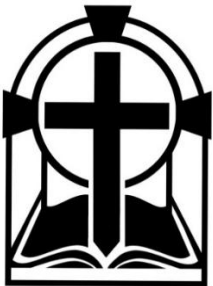
Philippians 3:13b-14



Pressing On

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4th, 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
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
Lord, Teach Us to Pray Adult Class led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Naomi Lewis
10:45 AM Service Lane Gilmore

Church Calendar

Rachel Fohne on vacation 10/9-10/17

Today

First Stewardship Sunday
LWML Sunday and Honey Sunday
8:00 AM Divine Service
9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM
9:10 AM Fellowship
Pastor Patterson Recognition
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Divine Service
Noon Lunch
Noon SPY and C4Life College Care

Packages and Rascals Fun Zone
12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study
12:15 PM Youth Confirmation
12:45 PM Jr. Handchimes Rehearsal
1:15 PM Jr. Handbells Rehearsal
7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
Monday 10:00 AM Moms in the Word
10:00 AM Homeschool Religion Class
10:00 AM Small Group Handbells

Tuesday

8:20 AM Lambs Chapel
9 AM-Noon OGT Workday
12:30 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday

8:20 AM Doves and Kindergarten Chapel
9:00 AM Bible Study
10:15 AM Matins Service
2:00 PM Grief Class
6:00 PM Bible Study
6:00 PM Sr. Handbells Rehearsal
7:00 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday

Honey Sunday
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 Confirmation Make-Up/Work Ahead
12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study
7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH... are in celebration of Lutheran Women in Mission, who "joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others" this LWML Sunday and throughout the year.

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Prelude

Sr. Handbells: *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Hymn 507)—P. McKlveen

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

In the Lord's Service: Board of Stewardship

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn

536 stanzas 1, 3-5

Confession of Sins

please stand page 203

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

[Isaiah writes:] Let me sing for my Beloved my love song concerning His vineyard: My Beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; He built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and He looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between Me and My vineyard. What more was there to do for My vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to My vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are His pleasant planting; and He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting

what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and sing page 205

G 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 21:33-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter. **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they held Him to be a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles Creed

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Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Pressing On

Philippians 3:4b-14

Prayer of the Church

please stand

Offering

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Offering Prayer

LWML Pledge—*please stand*

G In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

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Distribution

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

Pressing On—Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul was all about “pressing on”. What were his goals and ambitions?

How did Paul’s goals change after he was brought to faith in Christ?

How have your goals, ambitions, and priorities changed since you have been brought to faith in Christ?

Like Paul, like a runner in a marathon, you can forget what is behind you because the past is f_____.

Jesus changes everything! Christ is both the p_____ for He is the WAY, the truth, and the life, and

He is the p_____ for He will be at the finish line to welcome you to the eternal victory celebration.

As you press on for the prize, how can you use what God has given you—your time, treasure, and talent—to serve in His vineyard?

To press on for the prize and to serve in the Lord’s vineyard is not e_____. It involves sacrifice, straining forward and pressing on, enduring suffering, sorrows, trials, and troubles.

What nourishment and strength does God give to you as you run the race of faith pressing on for the prize?

Next Sunday’s Readings *Isaiah 25:6–9; Philippians 4:4–13; Matthew 22:1–14*

LIVING THE SERMON... Since Christ has made you His own, your goals, ambitions, and priorities change. Where you seek purpose, meaning, and significance changes. What you value changes. Consider your life. Are you pressing on for the heavenly prize above all things? As you run the race of faith, how are you faithfully stewarding the gifts the Lord has entrusted to you to His glory, to further His kingdom, and to be a blessing to others.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Rejoice that you have been called, saved, forgiven, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Pray for God’s strength as you press on for the prize. Pray for a spirit of generosity as you prayerfully consider God’s manifold gifts to you and offer your pledge for the coming year.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *[The LORD] will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces.* Isaiah 25:8a

Building Up, Pressing On, Reaching Out

Loyalty Sunday is October 18th

As we press on for the prize, we receive God's Word and we encourage one another so that we built up in the faith and we build up one another in love. Empowered by the Spirit, we reach out with Christ's love, so that others may hear the Gospel, and by the Spirit's power believe and be saved.

On Loyalty Sunday, we will offer our 2027 pledges to support the ongoing mission of our congregation. Please pick up your pledge packet if you have not already done so. Pledge packets not picked up today will be mailed tomorrow.

As you prayerfully consider God's countless blessings and how you are to steward (manage) these gifts in joyful response to all that your God has done for you, consider the following:

- God desires that we give our **firstfruits**. God gave His best in sending His Son to save us. We do not offer to Him the leftovers, but the first and the best. Even before the new year begins, we set aside a portion of our anticipated income for the new year and offer it to the Lord.
- God desires that we give **sacrificially**. Jesus gave His all for us on the cross. In gratitude, we respond by giving sacrificially. Consider what percentage of your income is a sacrificial gift and offer your gift to the Lord.
- God desires that we give **cheerfully**. God loves a cheerful giver. We don't give our time, treasure, and talent to the Lord under compulsion, but freely and joyfully. Consider it a joy that God not only has saved you but uses you and the gifts He has given you to further His kingdom and be a blessing to others.

Please complete the pledge forms and bring them to worship with you on October 18th. If you cannot attend worship on Loyalty Sunday, please place your 2027 commitments in the offering plate or mail them to the church before October 18th so that all our pledges can be offered and dedicated to the Lord on Loyalty Sunday.

Youth Events

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Sunday, November 1st Noon-1:15 PM

Join us for lunch followed by a devotion and activities filled with thankfulness and praise.

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

Today—Assemble College Care Packages and Rascals Fun Zone

All SPY and C4Life youth and their friends are encouraged to remain for lunch after the 10:45 AM service. While the seventh and eighth graders have confirmation, the sixth graders and SPY youth not in youth choirs will assemble college care packages. At 1:45 PM we will depart for Rascals Fun Zone, enjoy two hours of activities, and return to church around 5:30 PM. Youth can bring money for snacks and the arcade.

Upcoming Youth Conferences

Sign up for Y4Life in Washington, DC (grades 9-12) and Higher Things (grades 8-12)

The deadline to sign up for these two conferences is **today**. For more information or to sign up, please contact DCE Probst.

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.



Extending Christ's Love

It's amazing that you adopted a 30 Year Master Plan, and you're accomplishing it! This was a recent comment from a leader in our synod about our congregation. By God's grace, the final phase of our 30 Year Master Plan is well underway, in Year 21! Thanks to your generosity, space for mission and ministry is being created so that we can continue to build people up in the faith and reach out with Christ's love.



Even as we are grateful for your continued support of Extending Christ's Love for the construction of the Christian Education Center, the ongoing work of the church continues through our general fund offerings. May you be blessed as you prayerfully consider and then offer your pledge to the Lord with a joyful heart!

Construction Update: Work continues on both the exterior and interior of the Christian Education Center. Trusses will be delivered soon and set in place, with the goal of having the building under roof before winter.

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.

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 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 Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization at St. Paul!

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

Amount Raised as of September 30, 2026 \$6,350

IN OUR PRAYERS... Ordination Anniversary: Pastor Patterson's 40th anniversary of his ordination; **LWML Sunday; Installation:** Pastor Kyle Richardson who was installed yesterday as pastor of Trinity, Dillsboro; **Sick and Recovering:** Sandy Lagneau, Gloria Schultz, Conner Davis, Chris Nolting, Dennis Hoeltke, Barbara Hughes, Arayah Lutz, Marie Tellman, Art Ramsey, Dee Schurman, Jax Branaman, Jennifer Jeffares, Phyllis Fox, Riley Walton, Jill Scheidt, Bob McDonald (Wendy Wiederhoeft's father), Ginger Stache (Doreen's daughter-in-law), Mike Sarver (Danny Johnson's friend), Allen Kanouse (Scott and Renee Strietelmeier's friend), 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)

SUNDAY LUNCHES...

Today Fettuccine Alfredo

Next Sunday, October 11th Fall Break--No Lunch Served

October 18th Corn Dogs with Macaroni and Cheese

October 25th Chicken Sandwiches

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

+ October Newsletter; also online at stpaulcolumbus.org

+ October-December *Portals of Prayer*

+ New edition of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*

HARVEST MISSION... All are welcome to bring surplus produce, plants, and flowers to the Harvest Mission table in the gathering space. Anyone can take from this table for a donation to St. Paul's food bank. Please contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142 for more information or to help.

40th ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION...

During fellowship time **this morning** we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Pastor Patterson's ordination and

faithful service to God's people, including eight years of service here at St. Paul.

LWML SUNDAY... is **today**. We pray for the ongoing mission work of the LWML. We will also receive a special offering to support LWML mite box missions. These mite box missions include support for Pastor Fickenschier and the Latino outreach in Indianapolis, classroom furnishings for our Christian Education Center, Y4Life of Lutherans for Life, and many more missions. Thanks for your generous support.

HONEY SUNDAYS... are **today and next Sunday, October 11th**. Orders will be taken at the table in the gathering space for a suggested donation of \$10 per bottle. Orders will be shipped directly to you in time for Thanksgiving. Search for more info at <https://dakotaranch.org/>

FOR LIFE EVENTS... You are invited to participate in the following events that uphold God's gift of life:

Life Chain—Today: Join us at Columbus City Hall from 2-3 PM to make a public, prayerful, and peaceful stand for life.

Clarity Annual Impact Celebration—Monday, October 19th: Clarity invites you to an evening celebrating the lives touched, the stories changed, and the impact you helped make possible. The event will be held at Westside Community Church beginning at 7 PM. Please RSVP at claritycares.org/impact-rsvp.

MOMS IN THE WORD... All mothers and their children are invited to our monthly Moms in the Word gathering **tomorrow, October 5th** at 10 AM in the fellowship room. Join us for a devotion and fellowship!

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WORKDAY... Our OGT Workday is **this Tuesday, October 6th** from 9 AM-noon. If you cannot attend, 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 warehouse.

CHAPELS THIS WEEK... You are invited to join our early childhood ministry students and their families for worship this week. Little Lambs Chapel is **this Tuesday, October 6th** and Little Doves and Kindergarten chapel is **this Wednesday, October 7th**. Both chapels begin at 8:20 AM.

GRIEF SMALL GROUP CLASS... All who are experiencing grief from the death of a loved one are invited to participate in a small group Bible study using the guide *When Your Heart Breaks*. This study will meet on Wednesdays at 2 PM at the church beginning **this Wednesday October 7th** and continuing through November 18th. The class will be led by Marybeth Glick. This study and support group is open to members and anyone from our community who is grieving so please invite others. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Marybeth Glick at marybethglick@gmail.com or 812-371-6254.

FALL BREAK SUNDAY... is **next Sunday, October 11th**. Lunch will not be served and there will be no afternoon youth choirs or confirmation class. Pastor Bauman and DCE Probst will be available for a confirmation make-up/work ahead session immediately after the 10:45 AM service.

HOLY LAND PRESENTATION AND OLIVE WOOD HANDICRAFTS... **Next Sunday, October 11th**, at the beginning of Bible study, we will hear about the Christians of the Holy Land. More than 70% of the Christian community in the Holy Land depend upon tourism as their only source of income. Tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the war in Gaza. Many Christian families have fled their homeland since they lost their source of income. The Christian population of the Holy Land was 30% in the last century, but today it is less than 1% in the land of Christ.

There will be a display of olive wood religious handicrafts from Bethlehem available for donations. The olivewood carvings include Nativity sets, crosses, ornaments, candle holders, and others. They make nice gifts for a wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter or Christmas. They are carved by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on their crafts for their daily bread. All proceeds support Christian families from Bethlehem.

KITCHEN AND RESTROOM FLOOR WAXING... On **Thursday and Friday, October 15th and 16th**, the floors in the church kitchen and restroom will be stripped and waxed. Although the church will be open during these days, the kitchen and restrooms will be closed.

YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING... All young adults (post-high school and 20 somethings) are invited to Pastor

and Michelle's house (3019 Revere Court, Columbus) for Bible study and fellowship on **Friday, October 16th** at 6:30 PM. Bring a snack to share if you desire. Questions? Call or text Pastor Bauman at 812-350-4115.

OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP... The stewardship packets are available in the gathering space. To save postage costs, please pick up your packet and any packet that you can deliver to others.

Loyalty Sunday is **October 18th** when we will offer our pledges for 2027 as we respond to the Lord's benefits with thankful and grateful hearts. Prayerfully consider God's blessings in your life and how you can use God's gifts to further His kingdom through our congregation, community, and world.

WAYMANSVILLE FISH FRY... St. Peter Waymansville invites you to their annual fish fry on **Sunday, October 18th** serving from 4-7 PM (dine-in, pickup, or carry out). The menu is fish sandwiches, hotdogs, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, chips, pie, and drinks. A freewill donation will be received for new playground equipment.

GUITAR LESSONS... St. Paul member Chad Dornquist is offering a four-week guitar class for youth and adults on **Sunday afternoons, October 25th-November 15th** at 2 PM. This class is open to anyone ages 13 and older. There is no cost and guitars will be provided for each participant for the classes and for practice at home. In addition, each participant will receive a T-shirt.

The class is limited to five participants. To sign-up or for questions, please contact Chad at 812-343-4719.

LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS... If you are interested in serving as a church officer or as a member of one of our church boards or if you would like to recommend someone to serve, please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946.

LAKEVIEW MINISTRIES DINNER AUCTION... Join the Lakeview family on **Saturday, November 21st** at Primo Banquet Hall and Conference Center in Indianapolis for an evening of great food, fellowship, fun, and support for the ministry of Lakeview! Enjoy dinner, live and silent auctions, the Dessert Dash, raffles, and plenty of camp fun for grown-ups. Tickets are \$85 per person or \$600 for a table of eight. Learn more and register at www.lakeview.camp/auction.

THRIVENT MEMBERS—WE NEED YOUR HELP...

If you are a Thrivent member, we need your help in fully utilizing your member benefits.

Action Team: Every Thrivent member can sponsor two \$250 action team projects every year. These can be fundraising, educational, or service projects. If you haven't used one or both of your action team grants for 2026, please contact the church office or Pastor Bauman for a list of possible action team grants.

Choice Dollars: There have been significant changes to the Choice Dollars Program. Please note the following:

- All Thrivent members now have Choice Dollars to designate.
- The amount of Choice Dollars for Thrivent members to designate has increased.
- The deadline to designate Choice Dollars has been moved up three months from March 31, 2027, to December 31, 2026.

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 at 800-847-4836. When prompted say, "Thrivent Choice" and then press 1.

We thank all our Thrivent members who utilize their benefits to support our mission and ministry.

THANKS TO... all who made Harvest Fest a wonderful event: to Jeff and Claudette Schroer for inviting us to their ranch, for all who helped with preparations and clean up, our KfC youth counselors for organizing activities, SPY and C4Life youth for leading devotions, and for all who attended.

The Response of God's People

Sunday, September 27th

Divine Service: **482**

Communion: **221**

Sunday School: **185**

Offering

General Fund: \$13,012.11

Needed Weekly: \$17,721

Extending Christ's Love: \$8,054.59

Chapel Maintenance: \$2,222

Harvest Mission for Food Pantry: \$2.50



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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