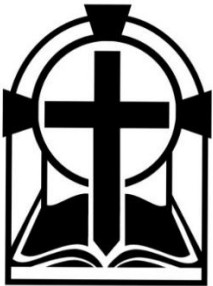




Reckless Sowing

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 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 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

KfC will meet in the sanctuary to practice the skits for tomorrow and Tuesday for Vacation Bible School

SPY and C4Life Youth will meet in the sanctuary to assist with the skits and VBS decorating and preparation

Musical Heritage of the Lutheran Church led by Kantor Dan Mau meets in the fellowship room

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Andrew Johnson

10:45 AM Service Corbin Howarth

Church Calendar

Rachel Fohne on vacation July 17th-24th

Pastor Bauman at Synodical Convention July 17th-23rd

Today *Latino Outreach Worship and Fellowship at Brown County State Park*

8:00 AM Divine Service

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School/KfC Event

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

10:45 AM Divine Service

Noon Lunch and VBS Decorating

4:00 PM Moms Night Out

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Vacation Bible School Monday-Friday 9-11:30 AM

Monday August Newsletter Deadline

Thursday 12:30-2:00 PM Rummage Sale Set-Up

Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Rummage Sale at Chapel

11:00 AM VBS Closing Program and Lunch

Afternoon SPY and C4Life Ziplining in Brown County

Saturday *Latino Outreach ECL Food Benefit—Chapel*

8:00 AM-3:00 PM Rummage Sale at Chapel

Next Sunday **8:00 AM Divine Service**

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

1:30-6 PM Church Reserved

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH... are given in celebration of America's 250th birthday along with the memory of H. Gene Strietelmeier from the Don Strietelmeier family.

TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY... is sponsored in memory of Lillie Mae Arnholt Christopher, mother of Linda J. Scheidt.

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

+ July-September *Portals of Prayer*

+ New edition of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*

AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE... is tomorrow, July 13th.

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.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Voluntary VI—J. Stanley

Welcome and Announcements

Please complete the Record of Fellowship.

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn

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Confession of Sins

please stand pages 184-185

Introit

Psalm 103:15–19

P The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children’s children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments. The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.

G *(all sing—page 186)* **Glory be to the Father...**

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

pages 187-189

Salutation and Collect for the Day

P The Lord be with you.

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

P Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G *(sung)* **Amen.**

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

[The LORD declares:] “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:12-17

[Paul writes:] So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit Himself bears

witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

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

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And He told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."

"Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

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Sermon

Reckless Sowing

Matthew 13: 1-9; 18-23

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

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Service of the Sacrament

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Distribution

652, 827, 584, 766, 820

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

Closing Liturgy

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Closing Hymn

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Postlude

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices—J. Bleresch

*Pastor Patterson is leading the Divine Service at Faith Madison this morning.
Pastor Fickenscher is leading the Spanish Divine Service at Brown County State Park.*

Reckless Sowing

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

How and where does the sower sow in the parable?

How is the sower's sowing "reckless"? How is this different from other farmers? Consider the words of our Hymn of the Day: *The sower sows his reckless love Scatters abroad the godly seed, Intent alone that all may have The wholesome loaves that all men need. Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be choked and matted flat, The sower sows; his heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"*

What does reckless sowing look like for us as a church?

What does reckless sowing look like for you in your home and among your family?

We can do nothing to add to the power of the W_____ that saves and produces the fruit of good
w_____.

How can we impede the seed from taking root, growing, and bearing fruit? What obstacles, obstructions, and hindrances can make our hearts hard, rocky, and thorny soil?

How is Jesus the best farmer of all? How was His entire earthly life and ministry one of sowing the seed recklessly?

Next Sunday's Readings *Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:18-27; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

LIVING THE SERMON... *A sower went out to sow. We are called together as a church and as individual baptized Christians to sow the seed recklessly, anywhere and everywhere, following the example of Jesus, the Master Sower. Consider who you know that needs to have the seed sown in their hearts. Speak the Word to them, invite them to church, Vacation Bible School, or our early childhood ministry. Knowing that you need to continue to have the seed of the Word sown in your heart to strengthen your faith and to bear an abundant harvest of good works, consider how you can be in the Word and truly listen and take the Word to heart.*

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Today's Collect for the Day is an excellent prayer asking God to not only give us the desire to receive the Word but to take it to heart. Consider praying this prayer often: *Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. Romans 8:18*

Extending Christ's Love

Gospel seeds are being sown!!! Thanks be to God for all the ways Gospel seeds are being sown! We are thankful for all who participated in our Neighborhood Information Distribution inviting those in the area around our church to worship, Vacation Bible School, and our early childhood ministry. The last three days we hosted our bilingual VBS at Woodlawn Trailer Park, our Latino outreach is enjoying a day of worship and fellowship today at Brown County State Park, and tomorrow VBS begins. Pray that many Gospel seeds will be sown and that they will take root and grow! By your continued support for Extending Christ's Love, you are helping create the space for mission and ministry so that the seeds of the Gospel can continue to be sown through early childhood ministry, Latino outreach, Christian education, and youth ministry.

Construction Update: The concrete slab for the second story has been poured. The concrete slab for the ground floor is scheduled to be poured in the coming days. Construction has begun on connecting the current church with the future Christian Education Center, including the erection of a temporary wall in the nursery.

LWML Grant Received: At the Indiana District LWML Convention, our congregation was chosen to receive a \$12,000 Mission Grant to be applied for classroom furnishings in our Christian Education Center. We are thankful for the generosity of the LWML as they partner with us in reaching out with Christ's love through our early learning center. The Finance Committee continues to apply for grants to support Extending Christ's Love.

Rummage Sale: Our second rummage sale is **this Friday-Saturday, July 17th-18th**

with a focus on children's toys, furniture, and clothes. The chapel is open today-Wednesday morning of this week to drop off donations or by appointment by contacting Phil Burbrink or Rachel Fohne. **Sign-up to Serve:** Volunteers are

needed to set up for the sale this Thursday, July 16th from 12:30-2 PM and to serve at the sale on Friday, July 17th from 9 AM-3 PM and Saturday, July 18th from 8 AM-3 PM. The sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space. **Food Fundraiser on**

Saturday: Our Latino outreach will be serving homemade dishes and breakfast foods **this Saturday, July 18th** beginning at 8 AM for a freewill donation. All proceeds will benefit Extending Christ's Love.

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 of Needed Items online (stpaulcolumbus.org) or print copies are in the gathering space. If you have any questions about the Catalog or need assistance reserving items in the Catalog, please contact Phil Burbrink or Rachel Fohne.

Thanks for your generous support of Extending Christ's Love. Please continue to pray for this endeavor and for those who will be blessed through the ministry that will occur in the Christian Education Center.



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 that the steel has gone up on the Christian Education Center, it 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!

Exciting SGO News! At St. Paul we had the largest year-to-year percentage increase in SGO donations when compared to ALL the schools that are part of the Lutheran SGO in Indiana! Thank you to all our generous SGO donors! We look forward to your continued partnership and support!

As of June 1st, we have begun our new SGO fundraising campaign for the 2027-2028 school year! 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 by helping us fund 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 June 30, 2026 \$100

Youth Events

St Paul Family Day at Holiday World—Monday, July 27th

Come out and join us at Holiday World (amusement and water park) on **Monday, July 27th**. The cost for group pricing is \$36.49 per person. Children 3 and under are free. DCE Probst will meet participants at the group ticket counter (452 E. Christmas Blvd, Santa Claus, IN) by 9 AM (Central time) to distribute tickets. Ticket payments should be given to her before the 27th. Drink stations and sunscreen are provided at the park. Food and other purchases can only be accessed through electronic transactions. The park closes at 8 PM. The deadline for signing up for the event is **next Sunday, July 19th**. Please contact DCE Probst for more information.

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Vacation Bible School is **THIS WEEK** from 9-11:30 AM. Register for VBS by using the QR code or through the church website. KfC youth are encouraged to attend Sunday School **today** so that they can participate in the VBS skits.

SPY (high schoolers) and C4Life (sixth-eighth grade)

Today, VBS Decorating and Final Preparations

SPY and C4Life youth are invited to help prepare for VBS during Sunday School this morning and to remain after second service for lunch and decorating.

This Week, Serve at Vacation Bible School

Many youth are needed to make our VBS a success as we share the Gospel with children in our community. Sign-up to serve online at stpaulcolumbus.org/vbs2026, using the QR code above, or in the gathering space.

This Friday, July 17th Ziplining in Brown County

After a great week of serving at VBS, all C4Life (6-8th grade) and SPY (9-12th grade) and their friends will go ziplining. We will clean up after the VBS family lunch and then carpool to Brown County for ziplining. Youth should bring money for snacks. We plan to arrive back at St. Paul around 4 PM. The deadline to sign up for this event is **this Tuesday, July 14th**. Please speak to DCE Probst if you have further questions.



IN OUR PRAYERS... **Vacation Bible School**, for the children and families we will serve; for Sariina Kalli and all who will be serving with her at a VBS in Big Trout, Canada, this week. **Our Synodical Convention** for God's blessing on those elected to serve and the decisions that are made; **Congregations with Pastoral Vacancies** including Trinity Dillsboro; Pastor-elect Travis Hartman and Faith Madison; **Sick and Recovering:** Marie Tellman (surgery tomorrow), Art Ramsey (knee replacement surgery on Tuesday), Dee Schurman, Jax Branaman, Jennifer Jeffares, Phyllis Fox, Renee Strietelmeier, Marie Tellman, Doug Brown, Riley Walton, Jill Scheidt, Grayson Harker (Irene Shireman's friend), Liz Hettig (Evelyn Pence and Don Strietelmeier's niece), Jan Forbes (Greg Forbes' mother), Skye Spears (Sharon Templeton's granddaughter), Anthony Jaynes (Toni Howarth's father), Gloria Olness and Evelyn Sapper (Nora Cleary's sisters), Katy Garza (Clearys' niece), Lynn Ramberg, Ty Ramberg, Deb Larsen, and Ozzy Hentges (Kallis' friends), Connie Ball, Curt Carothers, Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friend), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Bryce Cleary (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)

PRAYER LIST UPDATED... The prayer list has been updated. If you or a loved one needs to remain on the prayer list but was removed, please contact Mackenzie Wint at mackenzie.wint@stpaulcolumbus.org or call the church office.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE...

- + VBS Decorating is **today** after second service. Join us for lunch and help us prepare for VBS tomorrow.
- + Vacation Bible School Helper—July 13th-17th; You can also sign-up in the gathering space, at stpaulcolumbus.org, or use the QR Code located on the back page in this bulletin.
- + Rummage Sale—This Thursday for set up from 12:30-2 PM or during the sale Friday from 9 AM-3 PM or Saturday 8 AM-3 PM.
- + Fellowship Hour Hosts for next Sunday, July 26th.
- + Sunday School Teachers and Teacher Assistants for the 2026-2027 school year. Please speak to DCE Probst if interested.

MOMS NIGHT OUT... Moms in the Word is hosting a progressive dinner in downtown Columbus **today!** We will meet in the church parking lot at 4 PM to start our evening. Once we are downtown, we plan to walk to all locations where we are getting food or drinks from. Feel free to text Mackenzie 812-528-1176 with any questions!

RUMMAGE SALE... Our second rummage sale is **this Friday-Saturday, July 17th-18th** with a focus on children's toys, furniture, and clothes. The chapel is open today-Wednesday morning to drop off donations or by appointment by contacting Phil Burbrink or Rachel Fohne. Volunteers are needed to set up for the sale this Thursday, July 16th from 12:30-2 PM and to serve at the sale on Friday, July 17th from 9 AM-3 PM and Saturday, July 18th from 8 AM-3 PM. Please sign up to serve in the gathering space.

FOOD AT THE RUMMAGE SALE... Those who attend our Spanish service will be providing breakfast foods and homemade cuisine at the chapel during the Rummage Sale **this Saturday, July 18th** beginning at 8 AM. Food will be offered for a freewill donation benefiting Extending Christ's Love. Please plan come, shop, *and* eat!

VBS CLOSING PROGRAM... You are invited to attend and greet the many families attending Vacation Bible School at the closing program **this Friday, July 17th** at 11 AM. A hotdog lunch will follow the closing program.

SYNODICAL CONVENTION BEGINS THIS WEEK...

Every three years our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod gathers in convention. The convention begins this Saturday, July 18th in Phoenix and concludes on Thursday, July 23rd. Delegates will elect officers and board members of the synod as well as the Board of Regents for all our synod's universities and seminaries. Over 100 resolutions will be considered for adoption. Every circuit is represented by a pastor and lay delegate. Pastor Aaron West from Holy Trinity Greensburg is our pastoral delegate and Jim Brock from our congregation is our lay delegate. Pastor Bauman is an advisory delegate and serving on the Seminary and Pastoral Formation Floor Committee. Please pray for our synod, for the convention, for all those elected to serve, and for the resolutions that are adopted that in all things God would be glorified and His kingdom extended.

DAN WILSON FUNERAL... Our church family extends our Christian sympathy to Elaine Wilson and family as Dan entered eternal life on June 29th. The funeral service is **Saturday, July 25th** at 11 AM with visitation from 10-11 AM. A bereavement meal will follow the service.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION INVITATION... Your brothers and sisters in Christ at Faith, Madison invite you to the ordination and installation service of Pastor-elect Travis Hartman on **Sunday, July 26th** at 4 PM. A celebratory meal will follow the service.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY AND MATINS... are on summer recess for the remainder of July. Both the morning and evening classes and the Matins service will resume on **Wednesday, August 5th**. The morning class meets at 9 AM and is studying Romans. Matins begins at 10:15 AM. The evening class begins at 6 PM and is studying Isaiah. All are welcome to join us for Bible study and worship!

OGT SCRUBBUCKET PROJECT... The day after floods devastated Lanesville, southern Indiana and northern Kentucky, our Indiana Orphan Grain Train was able to distribute scrub buckets to those affected. This occurs because our OGT branch keeps these supplies on hand to respond immediately to flooding. *Amazingly, the entire inventory of scrub buckets were distributed to those in need within 24 hours.* We need your assistance in donating supplies so that we are ready to respond to the next flood disaster. Below is the list of items needed for the scrub buckets. Bring any of the needed items (in any amount) and place them in the conference room or deliver them directly to the OGT Warehouse in Jonesville. Continue to pray for those affected by natural disasters and for the continued work of OGT to respond to those in need with Christ-like compassion.

- Gallon of Liquid Cleaner
- Large bottle liquid disinfectant
- Large bottle window cleaner
- Can of dry cleaner (Comet-like)
- Large/heavy-duty scrub brush
- Large sponge/package of sponges
- Package of vinyl or plastic gloves
- Package of handy wipes
- Large rolls (2) paper towel
- Mop head—rag type
- Heavy-duty broom
- Dustpan and Brush

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—RALLYING FOR JAX... We continue to pray for Jax Branaman, his parents Rusty and Holly and their family, as Jax is receiving aggressive treatment for cancer. To assist the family with medical expenses and transportation to and from Riley Children's Hospital for treatments, we will sponsor a fundraising meal on Rally Day, **Sunday August 9th** as we rally to support Jax and his family. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. More details and opportunities to assist with the meal will be shared in upcoming bulletins and the August newsletter.

ECM REGISTRATION... A few openings remain in the Lambs (3-year-olds) and kindergarten classes for the 2026-2027 school year. The Doves (4-year-olds) class is full, and a waitlist has begun. *Please help us promote our Christ-centered, fully accredited early learning center!* Information can be found on the church website, the flyers in the gathering space or by contacting Director Jen Probst.

THANKS TO... all who supported the Baby Bottle Campaign. More than \$800 was contributed for the Clarity's life-affirming outreach endeavors.

TACO BARN REPORT AND THANKS... Despite a rainy week, our walking taco barn raised over \$8,000 for youth ministry! Thanks to all who served at the taco barn, and those who enjoyed a walking taco at the fair or a take home kit. Thanks especially to Katie Arnholt for organizing this fundraiser.

The Response of God's People

Sunday, July 5th

Divine Service: **308**

Communion: **248**

Offering

General Fund: \$15,128.25

Needed Weekly: \$17,721

Extending Christ's Love: \$12,387.97

including \$100 In honor of Michelle Bauman's work at Lutherans for Life

Music Fund: \$465; including \$365 Ruth Barnes Memorials;
\$100 John Robert Runge Memorials



**FREE FOR
CHILDREN
3-12 YEARS OLD**

In a world of sinking sand, Christ is our solid Rock! Join us for a week of learning and growing as we are built up and firmly founded on the strong and powerful Word of God.



**REGISTER
HERE**



JULY 13-17

9-11:30AM



St. Paul Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Ministry

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ECM Teachers: Anne Wiltsey (kindergarten); Michelle Schultz and Brooke Hughes (preschool)

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