

Let's
Make
a Joyful
Noise PSALM 98:4



Joy Multiplied

Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 25, 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)
Sunday School classes for ages three-sixth grade
Confirmation Instruction (grades 7-8) led by Pastor Patterson
Sr. High Youth in the Youth Room led by DCE Probst
Christian Leadership Class meets in the Music Room led by Zach Mathews
Bible Study meets in the fellowship room studying the Nicene Creed

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Daryn Vogel
10:45 AM Service Zaylie Gonsior

Church Calendar

National Lutheran Schools Week

Pastor Bauman on Vacation January 29th-February 3rd
Today

National Lutheran Schools Week Celebration

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-1:15 PM KfC Event

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

12:15 PM Youth Confirmation

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Monday 9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class

10:00 AM Small Group Handbells

8:20 AM Lambs Chapel Service

Wednesday **8:20 AM Doves and Kindergarten Chapel Service**

9:00 AM Bible Study

10:15 AM Matins Service

6:00 PM Bible Study

6:00 PM Sr. Handbells

7:00 PM Sr. Choir

Thursday 1:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit

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12:45 PM Jr. Handchimes Rehearsal

1:15 PM Jr. Handbells Rehearsal

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

- **2025 Contribution Statements**
- February Newsletter, also available online
- Latest edition of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*
- 2026 Offering Envelopes

Third Sunday After Epiphany

AS WE GATHER... *"You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest..."* (Isaiah 9:3). Isaiah prophesies when the Lord sends His Son—the great Light to those walking in darkness—the joy of the people will be increased and intensified. As we celebrate our Lutheran schools this morning with the theme *Let Us Make a Joyful Noise*, we know that in our church and school joy is multiplied because of Jesus, the Light of the world!

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in C Major—G. Böhm

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

8 AM Service: New Member—Judy Cline

Ringing of the Bell

Early Childhood Ministry Children Sing 10:45 AM Service

Let Us Make a Joyful Noise, On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand, Amigos de Cristo

Opening Hymn

The Jr. Choir sings stanza three

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Invocation and Psalm

please stand—Psalm 95:1-7

P In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C **Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

P For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

C **In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.**

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

C **For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Confession of Sins

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly, You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

[Isaiah writes:] But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation you have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of His burden, and the staff for His shoulder, the rod of His oppressor, You have broken as on the day of Midian.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

[Paul writes:] I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

please stand and speak together—Isaiah 9:2

C **Alleluia. The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12-25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 4th chapter. **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when [Jesus] heard that John [the Baptist] had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth He went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.

And He went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So His fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought Him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and He healed them. And great crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

please be seated

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

412 stanzas 1-5

Sermon*Joy Multiplied*

Isaiah 9:1-4

Prayer of the Church*After each petition:*

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

*please stand***Offering**

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The 8 AM Service continues at the bottom of the page.**Closing Prayer and Lord's Prayer***please stand*

P Let us pray....who taught us to pray:
C Our Father, who art in heaven...

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Prayer for the Meal**Closing Hymn***all sing (412 stanza 6)*

**Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art And Holy Spirit, one, And Holy Spirit, one.**

Postlude*Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings—D. Wood**The Lord's Supper will be offered following the service.**Following the service, all children and their families are encouraged to remain for lunch and the KfC Event***8 AM Service****Service of the Sacrament***please stand pages 208-210***Distribution****839, 810, 849, 818, 825***Visitors: Please read our Communion statement on the inside front cover of the bulletin.***Closing Liturgy***please stand pages 211-212***Closing Hymn***all sing (412 stanza 6)*

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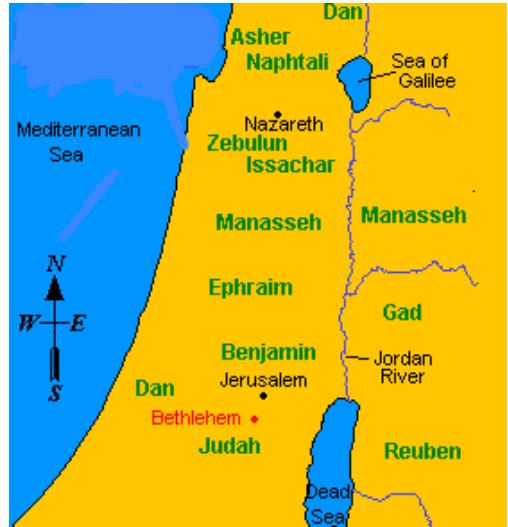
Joy Multiplied—Isaiah 9:1-4

In what ways was the region of Zebulun and Naphtali a place of "deep darkness"?

The prophecy: A g_____ L_____, the Promised Savior!

How did Jesus fulfill this prophecy? How was the joy multiplied in this land of deep darkness during the earthly ministry of Jesus?

The ministry of Jesus of *Nazareth* fulfills this prophecy. The result—**Joy Is Multiplied!**



How can our world today be described as a place of "deep darkness"?

How can your heart and life apart from Christ be described as a place of "deep darkness"?

How does Jesus bring His Light into the darkness of your life? Into the darkness of our world?

How is your joy multiplied because of Jesus?

Next Sunday's Readings—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

LIVING THE SERMON... Jesus brings light and joy into the deep darkness through His Word. As you listen to the sermon today, consider where are you seeking light and enlightenment? Is it Christ and the light of His Word? Or are you seeking enlightenment through manmade ideologies and philosophies? Where are you seeking joy? Is your joy in Jesus and His forgiveness or are you attempting to find joy in earthly treasures and sinful pleasures? Seek Christ and the gifts He gives through His Word so that you can be multiplied now and for eternity!

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Pray for our homes, our early childhood ministry and all our Lutheran schools, and our congregation that the Word of God would dwell richly among us so that we would be filled with the light and the joy of Jesus. Pray for the students and the families of our early childhood ministry, as well as our teachers and teacher assistants, that they would make a joyful noise to the LORD as they sing, praise, learn, and worship.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.* 1 Corinthians 1:23-24

Extending Christ's Love

Let's Make a Joyful Noise to the LORD!

Our joy is multiplied because Jesus is our Light and our Salvation. Every day there is joy in our early childhood ministry as children listen and learn, pray and praise together.

This joy will be multiplied and extended through our Christian Education Center. There will be joy in the classrooms as children learn about Jesus every school day. The Christian Education Center will give us the ability to expand our early childhood ministry from the current three classrooms to six classrooms, doubling the number of children and families we are able to serve.

One space in the Christian Education Center where the joy will abound is the **Great Hall**. The Great Hall is a large multipurpose space. The Great Hall is the space you will enter whether you are entering the Christian Education Center from the main entrance or entering the Center from our existing church. This entrance will be where the nursery is currently located.

During school days, the Great Hall will be filled with joyful noises of little children. Upon arrival, children will complete their Minds in Motion activities in the Great Hall. Jesus Time and Music classes will occur in the Chapel area, which will include the altar, pulpit, font, and refurbished stained glass windows from the church on the hill. The Great Hall will serve as the lunchroom for students remaining for extended care. This space will also be utilized for indoor play when the weather is inclement.

Every Sunday, there will be an abundance of joyful worship and praise in the Great Hall. The chapel area will be the location of the Spanish service followed by Spanish Bible study. Before the Spanish service, the Great Hall will be a place where children, youth, and adults can gather to enjoy refreshments during fellowship hour, and a location for a small group Bible study during Sunday School.

The Great Hall and the adjoining kitchen will be utilized throughout the week for fellowship events, Bible studies, and other activities. The Great Hall will give us two large spaces with kitchens reducing the scheduling conflicts that we often experience with only one fellowship area in the church.

Playground Project: We are closing in on fully funding the Playground Project. We need **\$4,503** to reach our goal. **Jim Probst Memorials:** The family of Jim Probst has requested that memorials be designated for the Playground Project. Remember all gifts to the Playground Project are matched dollar-for-dollar. Thanks to all who have supported this endeavor.

Thrivent Members—Choice Dollars Designation: Most Thrivent members are given Choice Dollars to designate to their church or some other nonprofit organization. Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2026. If you are a Thrivent member, please do one of the following:

Online: Go to thriveit.com and designate your Choice Dollars to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Columbus, Indiana.

Phone: Call 1-800-847-4836 during regular business hours. When prompted by the automated service, say "Thrivent Choice". Provide your phone number and date of birth to verify your account. You will then be connected to a customer service representative who will assist you in directing your Choice Dollars to our congregation.

Construction Update: In coming weeks, look for more activity on the building site. The steel will be delivered soon, and when the weather warms, the foundation footers will be poured and the foundation laid.

It is an exciting season in our life together as God's family in this place. Please continue to pray for this endeavor. Thanks to your generosity in creating a space and place for countless joyful noises to be raised to the LORD for many years to come!



Youth Events

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Today after the 10:45 AM Service

All children fifth grade and younger and their parents are invited to a walking taco lunch and activities that reinforce today's theme: *Let's Make a Joyful Noise to the LORD!*

Sunday, February 22nd—KfC Event, Noon-1:15 PM

Mark your calendar for an afternoon of fun and fellowship with your church friends.



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

Today—Sign-up Deadline for Higher Things Conference

Join hundreds of youth from across the nation for worship, Bible study, fellowship and fun in St. Louis June 30th-July 3rd. All 8-12 graders are invited to attend. Please contact DCE Probst to sign up.

Saturday, February 14th—Service Project and Fundraiser: Valentine's Day Childcare

Youth, please come and serve at this fundraiser from 5-9 PM on Valentine's Day. All parents are invited to take advantage of this opportunity. Freewill donations will be accepted.

Sunday, February 15th—Broomball at Hamilton Ice Arena

Always a youth favorite. Please plan to attend! We will enjoy Broomball and pizza at the Hamilton Ice Arena. Transportation will be provided from church, leaving at 1:30 PM or youth can drive or be dropped off at Hamilton Ice Arena at 2 PM. No RSVP needed.

Friends are always welcome! For more information, contact DCE Jen Probst or a youth counselor.

St Paul Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization

Donate to our Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization at St. Paul!

A donation to our St. Paul SGO directly benefits our Early Childhood Ministry by helping us fund our mission and ministry! When you donate to our St. Paul SGO, you are eligible to receive 50% of your donation back in the form of an Indiana tax credit!

Did you know that you can use the SGO to strategically plan your church tithing?

Here is an idea: A couple decides to donate \$10,000 to our St. Paul SGO in 2026. They file their 2026 taxes at the beginning of 2027, and they receive \$5,000 back as an Indiana tax credit. They immediately give that \$5,000 back to the church as their general fund tithe for 2027. The result is that a \$10,000 gift turned into \$15,000 for St. Paul! Please consult with your tax advisor for specific tax advice.

Please contact Rachel Fohne for more information at financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org or 812-343-3786. You can also visit www.lutheransgo.org for more information.

2025-2026 St. Paul SGO Fundraising Goal \$135,000; Amount Raised as of December 31, 2025: \$80,676.39

Online Giving

You can set up your tithe completely online! Follow the link below or QR code on the back page of this bulletin to access our secure, online giving platform. If you forgot to bring cash or check to worship today, you can give a one-time donation at any time through our website where we accept ACH or credit card payments. You can also create recurring donations that happen weekly or monthly. And better yet, you have complete control over any adjustments or modifications that need to be made at any time. You can also indicate specific designations for your donation such as general fund, in memory of, Extending Christ's Love etc. Members and guests are finding this to be a great, convenient way to donate to our church. If you have more questions or would like help setting up your online tithe, please reach out to Rachel Fohne at financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org or 812-343-3786. Thank you for your generous financial support that helps us fund our mission and ministry at St. Paul!

Visit the Link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2RE/campaign/C-125CF>

IN OUR PRAYERS... **New Member:** Judy Cline; **Divine Call:** Pastor Andrew Keller called to be Chaplain and Theology Teacher at Trinity Lutheran High School; **Sick and Recovering:** Katrina Smith, Dennis Hoeltke, Emmy Baker, Wilma Yeley, Sheila Shaffer, Henry Wischmeier, Marie Tellman, Gloria Schultz, Joan Wilcox, Beverly Neawedde, Gerald Helt, Jill Scheidt, Bob and Marilyn Runge, Marilyn Brown, Lynn Ramberg, Ty Ramberg Deb Larsen, and Ozzy Hentges (Kallis' friends), Larry Hoeltke (Dennis Hoeltke's brother/Mike and Wilma Yeley's brother-in-law), Connie Ball, Lisa Williams (Ann Linke's niece/Jordan Patterson's aunt), Pastor Craig Wulf and Jesse Lopez (John and Gail Jones' friends), Lori Lucas (Katrina Smith's friend), Mary Putz (Anne Wiltsey's mother), Curt Carothers, Al Abrams (Pam Roth's brother), Mike Greve (Nora Cleary's cousin), Marcia Carson and Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friends), Jami Maher (Joanne Kirby's niece), Bob McDonald (Wendy Wiederhoeft's father), Margaret Osmon (Nancy Dyer's sister), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father), William Leitshuh (Clearys' friend), Marilyn Gifford and Sherry Hart (Hinds' friends); **Grieving:** Family of Jim Probst; **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Shane McGowen (Sally Haak's nephew), Peyton Mullins (Sperrys' friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

WE WELCOME... Judy Cline into our family of faith at the 8 AM service this morning. May God richly bless Judy as she worships and serves with us.

TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY... is sponsored by Jim and Nora Cleary in thanksgiving for 54 years of marriage.

SUNDAY LUNCHES... The January-May sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space. Please sign up if you would like to serve.

Today—Walking Tacos—KfC/NLSW Celebration

Next Sunday, February 1st—Sandwich Bar

February 8th—Fettuccine Alfredo

February 15th—Chicken Sandwiches

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK CHAPEL... All are invited to join our early childhood ministry students and families for chapel this week. The Lambs Chapel is **this Tuesday** at 8:20 AM. Doves and Kindergarten Chapel is **this Wednesday** at 8:20 AM. Both chapels will be preceded by *Pastries with Parents* beginning at 8 AM in the fellowship room.

PASTOR BAUMAN ON VACATION... Pastor and Michelle will be on vacation Thursday, January 29th-Tuesday, February 3rd. Pastor Fickenscher is the pastor on call Thursday-Saturday and Pastor Patterson is the pastor on call Sunday-Tuesday.

FAITH FAMILY REUNION... Grace, Columbus invites you to attend a Retreat **this Friday, January 30th** from 5:30-8 PM to support and guide parents of adult children who have left the church and faith in Jesus Christ. Registration is free and includes dinner and materials. For more information or to register, please call the church at 812-372-4859. Registration deadline is this Wednesday, January 28th.

LWML News

MITE BOX SUNDAY... is **next Sunday, February 1st**. Offerings received in the LWML Mite Boxes support district and national LWML mission grants.

EUCHRE AND GAME NIGHT... Your next chance to enjoy a **Euchre Tournament and Family Game Night** is **Friday, February 6th** at 6 PM at the church. We encourage people of all ages to attend this family game night, as euchre is never the only game on hand, and the food and fellowship are amazing. A freewill offering will be collected to pay for the shipping costs of the Military Care Packages. All are welcome!

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES... The LWML has started a Military Care Package project with the goal of mailing gift cards (stateside) and care packages (overseas) in February. You can help in one of two ways. First, please send Sariina the names and complete addresses of any military personnel you know who are serving overseas or stateside. Then, bring in any of the wish list items, which can be found on the LWML bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Please reach out to Sariina Kalli at 218-451-1026 with questions.

WAYMANSVILLE SOUP SUPPER AND EUCHRE PARTY... is **next Sunday, February 1st** at St. Peter, Waymansville. Soup supper begins at 5 PM and Euchre at 6 PM. \$5 for supper and \$5 to play euchre.

MOMS IN THE WORD... All mothers and their children are invited to attend our monthly Moms in the Word gathering on **Monday, February 2nd** at 10 AM in the fellowship room. Join us for a devotion and fellowship!

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WORK DAY... is **Tuesday, February 3rd** from 9 AM-noon. If you cannot attend, the need for volunteers is ongoing so 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.

BIBLICAL WORKSHOP... St. Peter's, Columbus invites you to a Biblical Workshop on **Saturday, February 7th** from 10 AM-3 PM entitled *Five Targets of a Disciple* with Pastor Zach Zehnder. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Use the QR code for more information and to register.



VALENTINE'S DAY CHILDCARE... The St. Paul youth are hosting a babysitting fundraiser on Valentine's Day, **Saturday, February 14th** from 5-9 PM at church. Taking part in this wonderful fundraiser not only benefits our youth but also gives you a chance to enjoy a carefree night out. You can go on a date night, enjoy a movie, or just rest at home; and we'll take care of the kids at the church with fun games and activities planned for them. Freewill donation. Reserve your spot today and enjoy a night out with your loved one!

Please register your child(ren) by Wednesday, February 11th through the following link <https://forms.gle/GeaKs2XVc1RvMQdL8>, using the QR Code, or by texting or calling Jen Probst at 765-491-7818.



ALLELUIA BANNER PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL... At both services on **Transfiguration Sunday, February 15th**, children are invited to process the Alleluia Banners. Following the service, the Alleluia Banners will be carried out and "buried" for the Lenten season as we do not say or sing "Alleluia" during this penitential season. On Easter Sunday, the Alleluia Banner box will be opened, and the children will process with them to celebrate our Lord's resurrection!

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 18th... Our Lenten journey begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18th. Each Wednesday in Lent, supper will be served beginning at 5:30 PM. The midweek services begin at 6:45 PM. The Ash Wednesday service is preceded with the Imposition

of Ashes from 6:30-6:45 PM and includes Holy Communion. The remaining five services are preceded by a hymn sing from 6:30-6:45 PM.

Lenten Sermon Series: The theme for all our Sunday and midweek Lenten services beginning with Ash Wednesday and continuing through Easter Sunday is *Grace Upon Grace*. At each service, we will witness the transformative power of God's grace in the lives of His people in the Scriptures and draw connections and applications to our lives abiding in God's grace.

Thanks to everyone who signed up to host a Lenten supper. **Wednesday, March 11th** is the only Lenten supper that still needs a host organization or family. Please sign up in the gathering space if you would like to serve.

PARENTING WORKSHOP... The vocation of a parent is a special blessing and a great responsibility. Each age and stage in a child's development benefits from resources and collective support. Please join DCE Jen Probst for our first annual Enrichment Workshop. This year's workshop will address how parents of infants through teens can balance over protection in the real world and under protection in the virtual world.

Who: Everyone is welcome to attend.

Where: Church Fellowship Room

When: **Saturday, February 21st** from

4:00-6:00 PM

Cost: Free

Childcare Registration: QR Code or

<https://forms.gle/2zdqk9DNfUWuaZyW6>

If you would like additional information, please email director@stpaulcolumbus.org or speak to Jen Probst.



JANUARY-APRIL FELLOWSHIP HOUR... sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space.

ECM REGISTRATION... Registration for the 2026-2027 school year for our early childhood ministry is now open! *Please help us promote our Christ-centered, fully accredited school!*

All registration is online so encourage families to visit the church website (stpaulcolumbus.org) to learn more and to register. Families are also invited to tour our school. Financial aid is available to all families so that no student is turned away. Please contact Director Jen Probst (812-376-6504; director@stpaulcolumbus.org) to schedule a tour or for more information.

TLHS AUCTION DONATIONS... The Trinity Lutheran High School Auction is coming up on **Saturday, February 28th**, and we need your help to make it a success! We're currently seeking donations, including homemade desserts, event or experience tickets, and one-of-a-kind items to include in our live and silent auctions. Your creativity and generosity make this event a blessing for our students and school community. If you'd like to contribute or have questions, please contact Genny Helt (812) 498-9098. Thank you for supporting Christian education and helping us make this year's auction shine!

THANKS FROM... Wilma Yeley extends her thanks and deep appreciation for all who extended Christ's love to her through cards, texts, phone calls, and meals during her surgery and recovery.

The Response of God's People

Sunday, January 18th

Divine Service: **366**

Communion: **283**

Sunday School: **162**

Offering

General Fund: **\$16,715.28**

Weekly Need: \$17,721

Extending Christ's Love: **\$6,790** including \$150 Erna Reinsel Memorials; \$50 Dennis Peters Memorials

SGO Gifts: \$10,081.63 including \$9,981.63 in thanksgiving for Pastor Bauman



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Reaching out with Christ's Love to Serve and Grow