

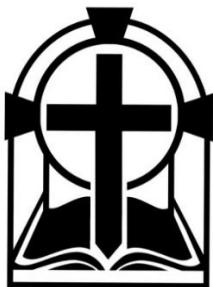


[Jesus said:] Go therefore and
make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the
Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that
I have commanded you.
Matthew 28:19-20b

Gospel Authority

Trinity Sunday

May 31, 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

KfC Class (preschool and elementary) meets in the third-fourth grade Sunday School room

SPY and C4Life Class (grades 6-12) meets in the youth room

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 Jace Vogel

10:45 AM Service Alex Essex

Church Calendar

Pastor Bauman in St. Louis for Synodical Meetings through tomorrow, June 1st

Pastor Fickenscher on vacation Thursday-Saturday Storage Room Reorganization this week

Today	Trinity Sunday 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:15 AM Acolyte Training 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish Noon Acolyte Training 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
Tuesday	9:00 AM-Noon Orphan Grain Train Workday
Wednesday	9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service
Next Sunday	Neighborhood Information Distribution Begins Mite Box Sunday 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:15 AM Confirmand Student/Parent Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish Noon Youth Board 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

PORTALS OF PRAYER... The July-September *Portals of Prayer* are available in the gathering space.

THE JUNE-JULY NEWSLETTER... is available in the gathering space or online at stpaulcolumbus.org.

CLARITY BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN... continues through Father's Day. Please take a bottle, fill it up with coins and/or bills and return it to church on or before Sunday, June 21st.

PASTOR BAUMAN IN ST LOUIS... for Floor Committee Meetings in preparation for the synodical convention. He will be returning tomorrow evening.

Trinity Sunday

Prelude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Hymn 802)—D Blair
Aaron Laws, French Horn

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn

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Confession of Sins

please stand page 203

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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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, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

Today's Second Reading is the continuation of Peter's Pentecost Sermon.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. For David says concerning Him, "'I saw the Lord always before Me, for He is at My right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore My heart was glad, and My tongue rejoiced; My flesh also will dwell in hope. For You will not abandon My soul to Hades, or let Your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to Me the paths of life; You will make Me full of gladness with Your presence.'

"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that He would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool."

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and sing page 205

- ☐** 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 28:16–20

- ☐** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter. **☑** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- ☐** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

- ☑** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

941

Sermon

Gospel Authority

Matthew 28:16-20

Prayer of the Church

please stand

Offering

504 *standing for stanza 4*

Service of the Sacrament

please stand pages 208-210

Distribution

506, 948, 822, 950, 940 *standing for stanza 5*

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

Closing Liturgy

please stand pages 211-212

Closing Hymn

all sing (805)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Postlude

Partita on "Thaxted" III. Trumpet Tune (Hymn 941)—J. Bleresch

Pastor Erkkinen is leading the Divine Service at Faith Madison today

FREE FOR CHILDREN 3-12 YEARS OLD

BUILT ON THE ROCK

JULY 13-17 9-11:30AM

REGISTER HERE

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.

The poster features a central illustration of a yellow construction worker wearing a hard hat and holding a sign that says "VBS 2026". The worker is standing on a pile of grey rocks. The text "BUILT ON THE ROCK" is written in large, bold, orange letters across the rocks. At the bottom, there are two yellow construction vehicles: an excavator on the left and a bulldozer on the right. A QR code is located in the top right corner, with an arrow pointing to it from the text "REGISTER HERE". The background is a solid blue color.

Gospel Authority—Matthew 28:16-20

What would YOU do if all authority had been given to y_____?

The authority of the Law is about using authority to i_____ something upon other people.

Jesus' authority of the Gospel is about using authority to g_____.

Jesus gives forgiveness, life, and s_____!

Jesus gives authority to the C_____ to give Himself to the world!

Next Sunday's Readings—Second Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 5:15—6:6; Romans 4:13–25; Matthew 9:9–13

LIVING THE SERMON... YOU are the Church! (at least a part of it!). "You are the body of Christ", says the Bible. You have the authority given by Jesus to GIVE love, kindness, forgiveness, and the gospel of Jesus to others. Pray that the Holy Spirit would open your heart to give the love of Christ!

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Lord, have mercy upon us, for we are often led by the sinful nature that still clings to us. By Your grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, lead us to bring the Gospel of Jesus to the lost and erring around the world and to those nearest and dearest to us.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *Come, let us return to the LORD; for He has torn us, that He may heal us; He has struck us down, and He will bind us up.* Hosea 6:1

Youth Events

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Vacation Bible School is **Monday-Friday, July 13th-17th** 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 on **Sunday, July 12th** so that they can participate in the VBS skits during VBS week.

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

VBS Prep Servant Events: SPY and C4Life Youth are invited to help prepare for VBS on **Wednesday, June 17th** at 1 PM and **Tuesday, June 30th** at 1 PM. Please meet at the church. If you have questions, please contact DCE Probst.

Friday, June 19th-Saturday, June 27th Taco Barn at the Bartholomew County Fair

Our largest youth fundraiser for the year is quickly approaching. The sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space.

Monday-Friday, July 13th-17th 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 or in the gathering space.

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



Extending Christ's Love

Happy Trinity Sunday! Our Lord's commission is clear: make disciples of all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Spirit and by teaching them all things. Baptizing and teaching—that's how disciples are made. Our Christian Education Center is all about creating a space and place for teaching God's Word in Sunday School, confirmation instruction, youth and adult Bible studies, Spanish worship services, and our early childhood ministry so that disciples can be made, formed, and strengthened by the Word. We are thankful for your generous support so that we can faithfully carry out our Lord's Great Commission and extend Christ's love through His saving Word.



Catalog of Needed Items: Do you desire to support Extending Christ's Love in a unique way? Maybe you have fulfilled your pledge but want to keep supporting this endeavor? Maybe you would like to contribute more than what you originally pledged. Maybe there is a ministry area that will be housed in the Christian Education Center that you have a strong desire to support (ECM, youth, Latino outreach). If any of these describe you, then **check out our Catalog of Needed Items.**

The Catalog of Needed Items gives members, ECM families, and friends of our congregation the opportunity to support Extending Christ's Love above their 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. Items available include furnishings for the chapel (including refurbishing the stained glass windows), Great Hall furnishings, furnishings for Sunday School rooms and early childhood ministry classrooms, furnishings for church office staff in the existing church, and many other items. This information will be included in the Dedication Bulletin of the Christian Education Center in 2027. If you have any questions about the Catalog or need assistance in reserving items in the Catalog, please contact Phil Burbrink or Rachel Fohne.

In addition, you are encouraged to host a Rummage Sale at your house with proceeds benefiting Extending Christ's Love. For more information, please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946 or Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786.

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

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.** 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.

January-April 2026 Financial Report

As of April 30, 2026, total general fund income is \$386,297 while total expenses are \$404,442 resulting in a year-to-date deficit of \$18,145.

April is the 20th month of our 64th month Extending Christ's Love Campaign. Total income received is \$3,467,498 which is 44% of the estimated cost for the project.

We thank you for your generosity and support of our mission and ministry. If you have any questions about our church's finances, please contact Treasurer Jackie Arnholt or Finance Specialist Rachel Fohne.

More Ways to Give

Did you know? 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. As always, please consult with your tax advisor about your specific situation.

Financial Updates

Beginning in the 2026 tax year, the government reinstated a universal charitable deduction, allowing non-itemizers to deduct cash donations to qualifying charities like St. Paul. Taxpayers can deduct up to \$1,000 for single filers or \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly, offering a tax benefit to the ~90% of households taking the standard deduction. Please consider taking advantage of this deduction by donating to St. Paul! As always please consult your tax advisor about your specific situation.

Extending Christ's Love Pledges

Do you need a reminder about what you pledged for Extending Christ's Love, or do you need an update on how much you have already donated? Fulfilling your Extending Christ's Love pledge is an essential part of our overall financial plan for the project. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Give Now to St. Paul Lutheran SGO to Provide Scholarships for this Coming School Year!

Thanks to the generosity of many church members and friends of our congregation and early childhood ministry, **\$103,053** has been contributed to our St. Paul SGO for the 2026-2027 school year. These funds will provide scholarships for families with financial need and support our school's mission and ministry.

Today is the deadline to donate for our current fundraising campaign for the 2026-2027 school year. On June 1st, we will begin SGO fundraising for the 2027-2028 school year. SGO donors receive a 50% state income tax CREDIT! You can donate stocks, bonds, and mutual funds to the SGO and receive a 50% tax credit. Please consult your tax advisor for specific tax advice. You can visit lutheransgo.org for more information or to donate online. If you have questions or need assistance donating, please contact Rachel Fohne.

IN OUR PRAYERS... Congregations with Special

Needs and Pastoral Vacancies including Trinity Dillsboro in our Aurora Circuit; Pastor-elect Travis Hartman and Faith Madison; **Sick and Recovering:** Ruth Barnes, Dan Wilson, Phyllis Fox, Renee Strietelmeier, Dee Schurman, Jeff Schroer, Tim Scheidt, Sharon Cline, Bonnie Darlage, Marie Tellman, Julia Bense, Doug Essex, Doug Brown, Gloria Schultz, Joan Wilcox, Gerald Helt, Jill Scheidt, Bob and Marilyn Runge, Luke Romine (Eli Kirkland and Joe Mau's friend), Amanda McDonald (Bev Hoeltke's daughter), Chalmer Hoeltke (Bev Hoeltke's grandson), Martin Marty (Katrina Smith's friend), Grant Noblitt (Colin Scheidt's friend/Lucy Nolting's nephew), Brian Fleener (Renee Strietelmeier's friend), Debbie Mills (Marybeth Glick's cousin), Willard Abel (Barbara Hughes' brother-in-law), Gloria Olness and Evelyn Sapper (Nora Cleary's sisters), Katy Garza (Cleary's niece), Denise Covert (Melissa Pevlor's friend), Dakota Faith (Jayne Dornquast's relative), Lisa McGaha (Don and Debbie Schroer's friend), Al and Pat Abrams (Pam Roth's brother and sister-in-law), Evan Dunn (Oliver's friend), Michelle Matthews (Ray and Pat Hall's niece), Steve Kennedy (Ray and Pat Hall's friend), Amy Coombs

(Darlene Bower's friend), Sam Straub (Kathy Adams' nephew), Lynn Ramberg, Ty Ramberg, Deb Larsen, and Ozzy Hentges (Kallis' friends), Connie Ball, Lisa Williams (Ann Linke's niece/Jordan Patterson's aunt), Pastor Craig Wulf and Jesse Lopez (John and Gail Jones' friends), Mary Putz (Anne Wiltsey's mother), Curt Carothers, Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friend), Jami Maher (Joanne Kirby's niece), Bob McDonald (Wendy Wiederhoeft's father), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father), William Leitshuh (Cleary's friend), Marilyn Gifford (Hinds' friend); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Bryce Cleary (Judy Sullivan's friend), Shane McGowen (Sally Haak's nephew), Peyton Mullins (Sperry's friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative), Devin Klein (Adam and Kristy Hall's nephew)

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE...The congregation is invited to a graduation open house for Joe Mau **today** from 2-5 PM at 616 S 650 E, Columbus, 47203.

ACOLYTE TRAINING... All incoming fifth graders and others should attend acolyte training after either service **today**. If you have questions or cannot attend and need to schedule another time, please contact DCE Probst.

STORAGE AREA BY FELLOWSHIP ROOM... To prepare for anticipated renovation in our current Sunday School classrooms, we need to make space to store the items located in those rooms. We are asking for groups and organizations who are using the storage area by the fellowship room to consolidate their items. Tables will be set up in the fellowship room, following the 10:45 AM service, **today**. Items still needing storage should be grouped in containers, labeled, and placed on these tables. Any remaining items in the closet **this Thursday, June 4th** will be donated to the ECL rummage sale. Labeled storage items will then be returned and reorganized in the storage room. If you need more information, please see Jen Probst.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS... Join Pastor Fickenscher beginning **this Wednesday, June 3rd** and continuing through **July 8th** from 9-10 AM for an in-depth study of the coming Sunday's Scripture readings. The Matins service follows Bible study at 10:15 AM. There will be no Bible study or Matins July 15th, 22nd, or 29th.

MITE BOX SUNDAY... is **next Sunday, June 7th**. Your mites support missions in our Indiana District, nationally, and internationally. Thanks for your support!

CONFIRMATION PARENT-STUDENT MEETING... All incoming seventh and eighth graders and their families are encouraged to attend a brief orientation meeting **next Sunday, June 7th** at 9:15 AM in the sanctuary. If you cannot attend, please contact Pastor Bauman.

RUMMAGE SALES... We will host two Rummage Sales this summer in the chapel. The first is **Friday-Saturday, June 12-13**. On Friday, the sale will be from 3-7 PM and on Saturday from 8 AM-3 PM. For this sale, we are seeking donations for *furniture, household items, and adult clothes*. To drop off items for the June Rummage Sale the back door and overhead door of the chapel will be unlocked every Sunday from 8 AM-1 PM and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 AM-noon, or by appointment by contacting Phil Burbrink or Rachel Fohne. **Volunteers are needed** to set up for the sale on Thursday, June 11th from 10 AM-noon and to work the sale on June 12th and 13th. Please sign-up in the gathering space.

The second Rummage Sale is **Friday-Saturday, July 17-18** and will focus on *children's clothes, toys, and*

furniture. This sale will be held in conjunction with Vacation Bible School. The sale on Friday will be from 9 AM-3 PM and on Saturday from 8 AM-3 PM. Set up is Thursday, July 16th from 12:30-2 PM.

VICAR NATHANIEL BAUMAN PREACHING AND PRESENTING... On **Sunday, June 14th**, we will welcome Vicar Nathaniel and Abby Bauman. Nathaniel will preach at both services and give a presentation during the Sunday School hour.

MUSIC AREA RECONFIGURATION PROJECT... This summer we hope to reconfigure our music and choir area so that all our choirs, including handbells, can be near the organ, and be able to see Kantor Mau when he is directing from either the organ or piano. We are thankful to everyone who has donated for this project. As of May 18th, **\$8,160** is needed to fully fund this endeavor. If you would like to contribute, please use your designated gift envelope or give online indicating that your gift is for "Music Reconfiguration Project." If you have any questions about the reconfiguration, please speak to Kantor Mau.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE...

VBS Craft Donations and Helpers: A VBS Crafts Volunteer Workshop is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 10th** from 1-3 PM in the Fellowship Room. This workshop will help to understand the VBS crafts and what they entail. We thank all Craft Volunteers for serving the children and having some fun along the way.

Vacation Bible School: Adults and youth volunteers are needed for our *Built on the Rock* VBS **July 13th-17th**. Sign-up to serve online at stpaulcolumbus.org/vbs2026 or in the gathering space.

Taco Barn at the County Fair: Support our youth ministry by volunteering to work a shift at the Taco Barn at this year's county fair June 19th-27th. The sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space.

Promoting our Early Childhood Ministry: A few openings remain in all our classes for the 2026-2027 school year. Please encourage families with young children to check out our early learning center. Director Jen Probst is always available to meet with interested families and to give tours. For more information, please contact Jen Probst, take a flyer from the information table by the front entrance, or visit stpaulcolumbus.org.

LWML CONVENTION INGATHERING... The Indiana District LWML Convention is June 26-28 in Evansville. Each zone is responsible for supporting certain churches in the Evansville or Kentuckiana area. The Columbus Zone is asked to provide playground equipment and teacher encouragement gifts to Our Savior Lutheran School, and single/twin blankets and oversized throws to Redeemer Lutheran Church, both in Louisville, Kentucky. You can, of course, donate anything to any church, but these are designated for our zone. Specific items for these two churches are listed below.

Our Savior Lutheran School: Playground Refresh: Jump ropes, Balls (soccer, playground, kickballs, basketballs) sidewalk chalk, hula hoops, cones small sports equipment, bubbles, frisbees; Teacher Encouragement Kits: Gift cards, Fun pens, Stationery, Sticky notes, Candles, Tea, Snacks, Devotional books, Scripture cards, Gift bags

Redeemer Lutheran Church: Single or twin bed sized blankets, Oversized throws (new or gently used)

ECM FULLY STAFFED FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR... We give thanks to God that we are fully staffed for the upcoming school year. Please join us in welcoming our newest staff members:

Brooke Hughes will serve as a preschool teacher. She and her husband Jerry recently joined our family of faith here at St. Paul. Brooke has served as a school teacher for 30 years.

Tara Draeger will serve as STREAM instructor and a teacher assistant for kindergarten and extended care.

Tara has served in early learning centers for more than 10 years.

Lisa Seckman will serve also serve as a kindergarten teacher assistant. Lisa and her husband Steve regularly attend our church with their daughter and son-in-law Emily and Marcus Linke.

Andrea Cotton will serve as a preschool teacher assistant two mornings per week in addition to her service as Social Media Coordinator. Andrea is a lifelong member of St. Paul.

Please continue to pray for our school and our staff and encourage family, friends, and neighbors to check out our Christ-centered, fully accredited early childhood ministry.

FLOWERS FOR SALE... Lisele Bockes has several types of perennial flower transplants (spring, summer, and fall bloomers) from her flower garden for sale. All proceeds go to Extending Christ's Love. Please call her at 812-390-1670 if you have questions.

The Response of God's People

Sunday, May 24th

Divine Service: **293**

Communion: **235**

Offering

The offering report for May 24th will be included in next Sunday's bulletin.



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