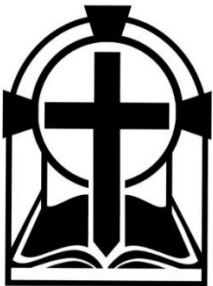


Grace Upon Grace to Adam and Eve

First Sunday in Lent—8 AM Service

February 22, 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 Julia Burbrink
10:45 AM Service Clark Neawedde

Church Calendar

Today

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

12:15 PM Choristers Rehearsal

12:45 PM Jr. Handchimes Rehearsal

1:15 PM Jr. Handbells Rehearsal

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Monday

9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class

10:00 AM Small Group Handbells

Wednesday

9:00 AM Bible Study

10:15 AM Matins Service

5:30 PM Supper

5:30 PM Sr. Handbells

6:30-6:45 PM Hymn Sing

6:45 PM Lenten Service

7:45 PM Sr. Choir

Thursday

1:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit

Next Sunday

Mite Box Sunday

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IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

+ March Newsletter, also available online

+ 2025 Contribution Statements

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Prelude

Jr. Handchimes: *Prelude in C*

Jr. Handbells: *Prelude in D*

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn

Jr. Choir sings stanza 3

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Litany

please stand page 288

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

Genesis 3:1-21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

To the woman He said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you." And to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat

of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:12-19

[Paul writes:] Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

please stand and speak together

G Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But He answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command His angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to Him, "Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.'"

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

please be seated

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Grace Upon Grace to Adam and Eve

Genesis 3:1-21

Nicene Creed

please stand page 191

Prayer of the Church

Offering

569 *standing for stanza 6*

Service of the Sacrament

please stand pages 194-198

Distribution

424, 611, 421 stanzas 1-4, 562, 572

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

Closing Liturgy

please stand pages 199-202

Closing Hymn

421 stanza 5

Postlude

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee, BWV 642—J.S. Bach

Grace Upon Grace to Adam and Eve; Genesis 3:1-21

How did God bestow grace upon grace to Adam and Eve through creation?

How does God bestow grace upon grace to you as your Creator?

How did the devil lie, deceive, and tempt Adam and Eve to sin?

How does the devil lie, deceive, and tempt you in a similar way?

What were the disastrous results of Adam and Eve's original sin?

How did God bestow grace upon grace to Adam and Eve after they sin?

How does God bestow grace upon grace to you through Christ, the Second Adam, and the Tree of Life?

Wednesday's Readings *Grace Upon Grace to Noah*—Psalm 32; Genesis 6:5-7:12, 7:22-24, 8:13-22, 9:8-17

Next Sunday's Readings *Grace Upon Grace to Nicodemus*—Genesis 12:1-9; Romans 4:1-8, 13-17; John 3:1-17

LIVING THE SERMON... Grace upon grace—God the Father is your Creator, Provider, and Protector. God the Son is the Second Adam, your Savior and your Conqueror who has crushed the serpent's head for you. The cross is your Tree of Life. Grace is God's undeserved favor and love. How was God's grace revealed to Adam and Eve both before and after their original sin? How is God's abundant grace revealed *daily* in your life?

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Give thanks to God for His grace freely given to you in Christ. Since the devil continues to lie, deceive, tempt, and attack you, pray for wisdom so you are not led astray by the devil's lies, strength so that you do not yield to temptation and sin, and for God's help and deliverance during trials and suffering.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *[Jesus said] And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.* John 3:14-15

Church Fellowship Event—Back 9 Golf

Join the church family for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at Back 9 Golf on **Sunday, March 22nd** from 3-5 PM. We will meet at church at 1:30 PM and return around 6 PM.

All are welcome. SPY and C4Life youth and friends are welcome and attend for free (medical and liability forms for friends are needed). Adults and friends are \$10. Bring money for food, snacks and drinks. Sign-up sheet in the youth room or contact Eric Scheidt by call or text at 812-371-8810 or email at scheidtel@icloud.com. Please sign up by **Sunday, March 8th** to reserve your spot.

Youth Events

All Youth Families—Upcoming Youth Fundraisers

Wednesday, March 4th—Serve Lenten Supper

SPY and C4Life youth and all youth families can come at 4:30 PM or later to help prepare, serve, and cleanup after the meal.

Easter Sunday, April 5th—Easter Breakfast

The sign-up sheet for Easter breakfast is posted in the gathering space.

Youth families please sign-up to bring a breakfast casserole or other food items needed for the Easter breakfast. Breakfast casseroles should be brought cooked and hot to the church kitchen by 7:30 AM on Easter Sunday. All other donations should be delivered to the church kitchen by Good Friday at 10 AM.



KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

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

Plan to stay for lunch and an afternoon of fun and fellowship with your church friends.

Palm Sunday, March 29th—Easter Egg Hunt

Families are invited to go to the Fellowship Room after the 10:45 AM worship service for devotions and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Good Friday, April 3rd—Together as Family Day

Following the 10 AM Good Friday service, please join us in the fellowship room for activities that will reinforce the significance of this day. The early childhood ministry children and Sunday School children second grade and younger will be singing at the 10 AM service.

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

Sunday, March 22nd—Fill Easter Eggs and Back 9 Golf Outing

Sixth graders and SPY youth are invited to stay for lunch and then to fill Easter eggs with candy while the seventh and eighth graders are in confirmation.

SPY and C4Life youth, friends, and family are invited to join us for fun and fellowship at Back 9 Golf. Meet in the gathering space at 1:30 PM. Bring money for snacks and drinks. We will return to church at 6 PM.

Palm Sunday, March 29th—Hide Easter Eggs

Youth who attend the 8 AM service are invited to hide Easter eggs during the 10:45 AM service.

Good Friday, April 3rd—Servant Event, Lunch, and Fellowship

Youth are encouraged to attend the 10 AM Good Friday service. After the service, youth will assist with Together as Family, set-up for the Easter breakfast, enjoy lunch together, and participate in a fellowship activity in the afternoon.

Easter Sunday, April 5th—Serve Easter Breakfast

Youth and families should plan to assist with serving and cleanup for the Easter breakfast. Youth attending the 7 AM service are encouraged to serve after the service. Youth attending the 9 and 10:45 AM services are encouraged to serve before they attend worship.

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

Extending Christ's Love

The devil constantly attacks, but the Church exists to fortify and strengthen God's people to withstand the assaults of the devil, to pray for, encourage, and support those who are enduring trials, and to restore those who have yielded to temptation with God's gracious gift of forgiveness. In our Christian Education Center, young and old will be taught, forgiven, encouraged, and built up in the faith through Spanish worship services, our early childhood ministry, confirmation instruction, and children and adult Sunday School and Bible studies in both English and Spanish.



More Space Needed! Have you noticed the significant growth in attendance at our Spanish service? On many Sundays there are not enough chairs in the choir area for all the attendees when they join us for Communion. Once the Christian Education Center is complete, the entire Spanish service will occur in the worship area in the Great Hall. This area will accommodate up to 100 worshippers allowing our Latino outreach room to grow.

With more than five months to go before the first day of the 2026-2027 school year, our Little Doves class (four year old preschool) is already full! Although this is a tremendous blessing, it's difficult to turn families away who desire our Christ-centered, fully accredited program. The Christian Education Center will allow us to expand our classroom capacity from our current three classrooms up to six classrooms so that we can serve more families with God's saving Word.

Playground Project: We are closing in on fully funding the Playground Project. We need **\$3,251** to reach our \$120,000 goal. Remember all gifts to the Playground Project are matched dollar-for-dollar.

2026 Rummage Sale(s): We had an overwhelming response to our Rummage Sale last June raising more than \$6,500. Unfortunately, this summer we will not be able to host a Rummage Sale like last year's. This is because the Sunday School area in the existing church will be reconfigured into the office area during the summer, limiting where we could store donations for the sale. So, we are pivoting this summer hoping that church members will organize their own Rummage Sales to benefit Extending Christ's Love. These Rummage Sales can be hosted at your house or at the Chapel:

Hosting a Rummage Sale at your house: Please share the day(s) and times of your Rummage Sale so that we can promote it in church bulletins, newsletters, and social media.

Hosting a Rummage Sale at the Chapel: Please call the church office to reserve the Chapel for your Rummage Sale. When reserving, include both the day(s) of the sale and the days leading up to the sale for setting up.

Tables will be provided in the Chapel for displaying items as well as signage that can be placed in front of the chapel during the sale. Please consider joining with other church and/or early childhood ministry families and hosting a sale together.

For questions or more information, please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946 or Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786.

It is an exciting season in our life together as God's family in this place. We thank you for your generosity. Pray that as God's people we would faithfully extend Christ's love in word and deed!

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 thrivent.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.

If you have questions, please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946 or Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786.

Mark Your Calendars

Palm Sunday, March 29th: Children process with palms at both services; Noon Easter Egg Hunt

Good Friday, April 3rd: Together as Family Day follows the 10 AM Service

Easter Sunday, April 5th: Festival Communion Services at 7, 9, and 10:45 AM. Easter breakfast served from 7:30-9:45 AM. Children process with Alleluia Banners at all services.

Sunday, April 26th: Confirmation and First Communion Sunday

Saturday, May 2nd: CARnival 2-4 PM

Our Christian Stewardship

As you can see below, at the end of January we have a significant deficit. This is a combination of two factors: worship services were canceled on January 25th due to the weather, and January is also our largest expense month. If the weather kept you away from worship and prevented you from giving, please consider getting caught up with your weekly giving so that we can continue to fulfill the mission and ministry that our Lord has entrusted to us. We thank you for your faithful stewardship of time, treasure, and talent!

January Income	\$84,494
January Expenses	<u>\$173,844</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$89,350)

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. If you would like to donate a gift of appreciated securities or simply want to get your questions answered, please reach out to Rachel Fohne at rachel.fohne@stpaulcolumbus.org or 812-343-3786.

Kroger Community Rewards

Our church has been approved to participate in the Kroger Community Awards Program as a registered non-profit! Through this program, Kroger donates a percentage of shoppers' spending to approved organizations in the community. For our church to receive a portion of these donations, shoppers must complete the following steps: Visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Log into your Kroger account and click on Community Rewards. Search for St. Paul Lutheran Church either by name or **KW412** and then click Enroll. Please reach out to Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786 or rachel.fohne@stpaulcolumbus.org with specific questions.

St Paul Scholarship Granting Organization

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

A donation to our St. Paul Lutheran SGO directly benefits our Early Childhood Ministry by helping us fund our mission and ministry! Why donate to our Lutheran SGO?? Donors receive a 50% state income tax **CREDIT!** Please consult your tax advisor for specific tax advice. Please contact Rachel Fohne for more information at rachel.fohne@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 January 31, 2026: \$92,653

IN OUR PRAYERS... **Baptism:** Josephine Catherine Natalie; **Divine Call:** Pastor Andrew Keller has declined the call to serve as Chaplain and Theology Teacher at Trinity Lutheran High School; **Sick and Recovering:** Gene Wint, Doug Essex, Danny Johnson, Doug Brown, Riley Walton, Henry Wischmeier, Katrina Smith, Dennis Hoeltke, Emmy Baker, Wilma Yeley, Sheila Shaffer, Marie Tellman, Gloria Schultz, Joan Wilcox, Beverly Neawedde, Gerald Helt, Jill Scheidt, Bob and Marilyn Runge, Marilyn Brown, Pastor Mark Hesse (St. John's, Aurora), 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), 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), 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 (Hinds' friend); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Bryce Cleery (Judy Sullivan's friend), Shane McGowen (Sally Haak's nephew), Peyton Mullins (Sperrys' friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

WE REJOICE... as Josephine Catherine Natalie, daughter of Joshua and Rebekah Natalie, is baptized at the 10:45 AM service today. Godparents are Joel Jr. and Carly Natalie. May God bless and keep Josephine in the one true faith all her days.

SUNDAY LUNCHES...

Today— Corn Dogs and Tater Tots—KfC Day

Next Sunday, March 1st—Taco Bar

March 8th—Sloppy Joes

March 15th—No Lunch Served—Spring Break

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE... is **this Wednesday, February 25th** at 6:45 PM as we focus on the theme *Grace Upon Grace to Noah*. The service will be preceded by a hymn sing from 6:30-6:45 PM.

Supper will be served from 5:30-6:15 PM by the elders and their wives. The menu is chicken, cheesy potato

casserole, green beans, salad, and desserts. The freewill offering will benefit Helping Hands, the fund for church and community members who are in need. We have experienced an increase in requests so additional funds are needed. Consider supporting Helping Hands through the freewill offering or make a special gift using your Designated Offering Envelope.

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

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

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WORK DAY... is **Tuesday, March 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.

COMMUNION WAFER MAKING... We are blessed here at St. Paul that our Communion wafers are homemade by a group of dedicated volunteers. Our next Communion Wafer Making Day is **Wednesday, March 4th** beginning at 10:45 AM in the church kitchen. Come, serve, and enjoy Christian fellowship!

TRI-W MEETING... is **Thursday, March 5th** at 6 PM.

SPRING FORWARD... Before going to bed on **Saturday, March 7th**, set your clock ahead one hour as Daylight Saving Time begins.

EASTER EGG CANDY DONATIONS... We host an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday. Please consider making a candy donation for this fun event. Candy should be individually wrapped and able to fit inside of a plastic Easter egg and donated by **Sunday, March 22nd**. The donation box is in the gathering space. Please direct any questions to DCE Jen Probst.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES... The LWML is sponsoring 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.

JUST FRIENDS DONATION DRIVE... Just Friends adult day services is seeking items for their annual donation drive. Your generosity helps provide a welcoming day center where people can connect, engage, and be truly valued. The most needed items are paper towels, napkins, peanut butter and jelly, and Folgers coffee. A longer list is on the poster of the donation box which is located in the gathering space until March 29th.

EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN-UP... The sign-up sheet for the Easter breakfast is posted in the gathering space. Please consider supporting our youth ministry by bringing a breakfast casserole or donating food items.

ECM REGISTRATION... *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. The Little Doves class (four-year-olds) is currently full and a waiting list has been started but openings remain in the Little Lambs and Kindergarten classes. Please contact Director Jen Probst (812-376-6504;

director@stpaulcolumbus.org) to schedule a tour or for more information.

ONLINE GIVING... Please consider using our secure, online donation platform to give to St. Paul. Did you forget your checkbook or cash today? No worries! Simply scan the QR code below to give through our website. Also, you have the option to set up a recurring donation that you can adjust or cancel at any time. This is an excellent way to fulfill general fund or Extending Christ's Love pledges. Please reach out to Rachel Fohne at rachel.fohne@stpaulcolumbus.org or 812-343-3786 with specific questions.

THANKS TO... Tri-W for serving the Ash Wednesday Lenten supper.

The Response of God's People

Sunday, February 15th

Divine Service: **377**

Communion: **282**

Sunday School: **182**

Offering

General Fund: **\$22,138.51**

Weekly Need: \$17,721

Extending Christ's Love: **\$15,583.06** including \$375 for the Playground Project of which \$175 is Jim Probst Memorials



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ECM Assistants: Gayla Alesandro, Sarah Lewis, Laurie Schultz,

Claudia Sims, Caroline Wilcox, Amy Yeley

Reaching out with Christ's Love to Serve and Grow