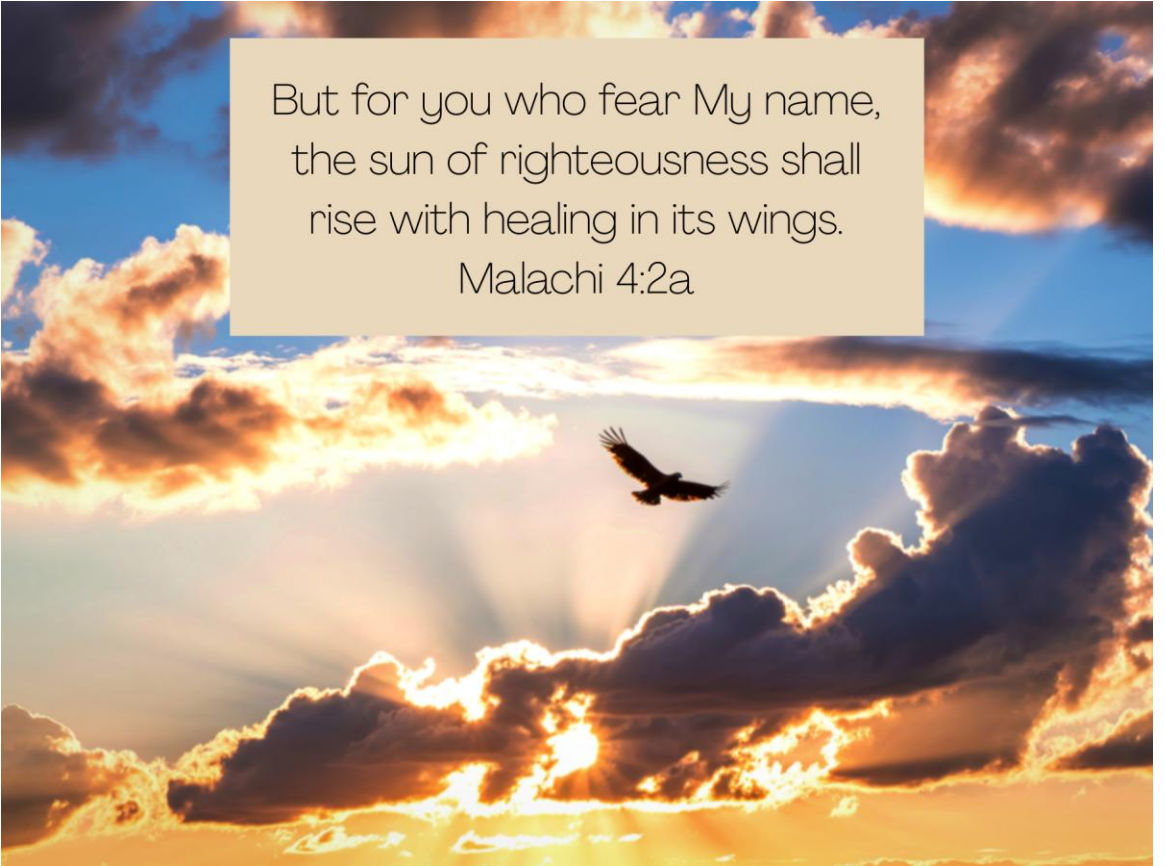


A dramatic sunset or sunrise scene with a bird in flight. The sky is filled with large, dark, billowing clouds that are illuminated from below by a bright sun, creating a strong silhouette effect and long, golden rays of light. A single bird is captured in mid-flight, its wings spread wide, positioned centrally in the lower half of the frame. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues, oranges, and yellows.

But for you who fear My name,
the sun of righteousness shall
rise with healing in its wings.

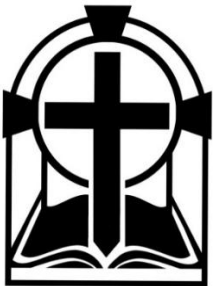
Malachi 4:2a

The Great and Awesome Day

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:45 AM Service

November 16, 2025



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod
Columbus, Indiana

Welcome to St. Paul!

We are glad that you have come to God's house to be fed and strengthened by His holy Word. The order of service for today is printed on the **insert** in this bulletin. Guests, we extend a special welcome to you this morning. We are privileged to have you as our guest today and encourage you to worship with us again soon.

The Family Quiet Room and Restroom are located outside the doors of the sanctuary and to the left. In the Family Quiet Room, you can hear and see the service. **Assisted hearing devices** are available for the service. Please contact an usher.

Do you need prayer support? Please call Bonnie England at **812-447-7895** to activate our **Prayer Chain**. Your fellow church members will pray for you.

Our Communion Practice: We invite and encourage those who have been instructed, confirmed, and confess the faith of this congregation and other congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to receive the Sacrament. Communicants at this altar acknowledge their sins, believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, and desire the Spirit's help to turn from their sins.

Those who are not communing are invited to come forward and receive a blessing by placing their arms across their chest.

If you have questions regarding our Communion teaching and practice, please speak to a pastor.

Communion Preparation: To prepare for the Lord's Supper, you may wish to pray the prayer on the inside cover of the hymnal or review the Christian Questions and Answers on pages 329-330.

Today's Christian Education Opportunities

First Steps of Faith (Infants and Toddlers with a parent) meets in the conference room
Sunday School classes for ages three-sixth grade
Confirmation Class meets in the confirmation room
SPY Class (grades 9-12) meets in the youth room
The Discussion Class meets in the gathering space for a study on the Early Church
Bible Study in the fellowship room studying the Nicene Creed

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Henry Siefer
10:45 AM Service Zaylie Gonsior

Church Calendar

Pastor Bauman on vacation Friday-Monday, 11/20-24

Today	Baking for the Building and Silent Auction 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 1:30 PM SPY and C4Life to Fun Blast 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
Monday	<i>ECM Registration Begins for Church Members and Enrolled Families</i> 9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10:00 AM Small Group Handbells 2:00 PM Small Group Grief Study 5:30 PM Girl Scouts
Tuesday	8:20 AM Lambs Chapel
Wednesday	8:20 AM Doves and Kindergarten Chapel 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
Next Sunday	Christ the King Sunday 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish Noon Lunch 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

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

+ December Newsletter, also online at stpaulcolumbus.org
+ Annual Meeting Packets, please review before the meeting

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH... are given for the beauty of the Lord's house.

23rd Sunday after Pentecost—10:45 AM Service

Prelude

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654—J. S. Bach (Hymn 636)

Welcome and Announcements

New Members: Kenny and Christy DeBord

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringling of the Bell

Choral Call to Worship

All Depends on Our Possessing—J. Behnke (Hymn 732)

Confession of Sins

please stand page 151

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

Glory to God in the Highest

page 154

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C *(sung)* And also with you.

P Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *(spoken)* Amen.

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1-6

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

"Remember the law of My servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

[Paul writes:] Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and sing page 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21st chapter.

G *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And they asked Him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" And He said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for My name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for My name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

508 stanzas 1-5

Sermon

The Great and Awesome Day

Malachi 4:1-6

Apostles Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering

508 stanzas 6-7

Service of the Sacrament

please stand pages 160-163

Distribution

873, 509, 516 stanzas 1-2, 511, 513

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

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord

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Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

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Closing Hymn

516 stanza 3

Postlude

Es ist gewisslich an der Zeit—H. Scheidemann (Hymn 508)

The Great and Awesome Day; Malachi 4:1-6

The L_____ D_____ is the Great and Awesome Day!

Judgment Day will not be a great and awesome day for all people—unbelievers, evildoers, and the arrogant. What are some examples of this arrogance that leads to eternal condemnation?

Jesus is the S_____ of R_____ with h_____ in His wings.

When Christ returns, our bodies will be perfectly restored. The image is like c_____ leaping.

Since we can fall away from the faith, the LORD says to us: R_____ His Law and His teaching.

The Lord will send E_____ to prepare His people for the coming of the Lord. This prophecy is fulfilled in

J_____ the B_____.

What big days needed to occur in the earthly life and ministry of Jesus so that Christ's coming in glory would be a Great and Awesome Day for us?

Next Sunday's Readings—Christ the King Sunday

Malachi 3:13-18; Colossians 1:13-20; Luke 23:27-43

LIVING THE SERMON... *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (Hymn 873) is based on our text from Malachi. In the hymn, Christ is addressed as the Sun of Righteousness. The hymn ends with the words "the perfect day." This hymn is a prayer for forgiveness, faithfulness, and strength as we await the Great and Awesome Day of the Lord. Pray this hymn rejoicing in Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness, that you would remain steadfast in the faith unto the end.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Rejoice in Jesus your Sun of Righteousness! Pray for those who have fallen away through unbelief, unholy living, or sinful arrogance that they would be brought to repentance. Pray for those who do not yet confess Christ as Savior that they would be brought to faith in Him and saved eternally.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *[The Father] has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.* Colossians 1:13-14

Christian Leadership Discussion Class

Beginning Sunday, January 4th and continuing through Sunday, March 8th, Zach Mathews will be leading a Christian leadership class using the resource: *Developing the Leader Within You 2.0* by John Maxwell. The course equips participants with the essential principles and practical tools to grow as effective leaders, emphasizing that leadership is developed—not innate. Through ten foundational lessons—including influence, priorities, character, positive change, problem solving, attitude, service, vision, self-discipline, and personal growth—the course provides actionable strategies for inspiring and motivating others in any leadership role. Participants will learn how to leverage the Five Levels of Leadership, cultivate ethical character, serve others, and cast compelling vision, all while engaging in self-assessment and interactive discussions designed to foster integrity, self-discipline, and positive organizational impact. This course is ideal for both new and experienced leaders seeking to enhance their leadership capacity and drive meaningful change within their teams and organizations.

All are invited to participate. Please sign-up by **Sunday, December 7th** so that materials can be ordered. Register for the class by contacting Zach in person, by phone or email (812-603-9981; zachmathews1@gmail.com).

Extending Christ's Love

Baking for the Building is TODAY!

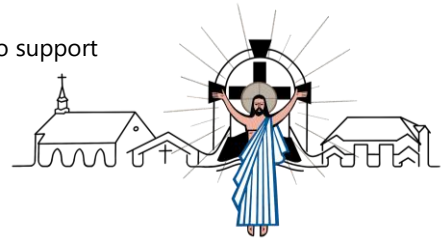
Stop by the fellowship room and take home some delectable delights to support Extending Christ's Love for a freewill donation.

Silent Auction

In conjunction with Baking for the Building, the Finance Committee is hosting Silent Auction beginning **today**. Bidding on Silent Auction items will conclude on **Sunday, November 30th** at the annual meeting.

Playground Project

Thanks to the generosity of church members as well as current and former early childhood ministry families, we need \$16,978 to reach our fundraising goal for the new playground at the Christian Education Center. We have raised over 85% of the funds needed for this project! Every gift given is matched dollar-for-dollar thanks to an anonymous donor.



2026-2027 ECM Registration Begins Tomorrow

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is beginning, and ***we need your help in promoting our Christ-centered, fully accredited early learning center!*** Registration for church members and current students begins **tomorrow**. Open registration begins **next Monday, November 24th**. We are making significant enhancements to our kindergarten instruction for the coming school year:

- ❖ Extending our educational day to reflect a full 4 hours of learning (8:15 AM to 12:15 PM).
- ❖ Including the STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, Math) tuition as a part of the full scholarship kindergarten students receive.
- ❖ Offering kindergarten families complimentary, flexible pick up for their kindergarten student until 2:30 PM and affordable extended care options before school and after 2:30 PM.
- ❖ Commitment to offering low teacher to student ratios for quality instruction (1:10).

All registration will be 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. Please contact Director Jen Probst to schedule a tour. Financial aid is available to all families so that no student is turned away. Please contact Jen Probst for details.

Youth Events

KFC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Today—Lunch and Autumn Fun Activities

We will begin our time together with a meal and a devotion. We will then participate in Autumn fun and festivities. Parents are encouraged to stay and assist children with activities. This activity is from noon-1:15 PM.

Sunday, December 14th—Join us for Christmas caroling at 3 PM and share

Christmas joy to our shut-in and homebound members. Our Christmas Family Fun Night begins at 5 PM. Family and friends are invited to join us for an evening of food fun! We begin our time together with a meal. After supper, families will be invited to decorate a gingerbread house that they can take home.

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

Today—Fun Blast Arcade

Join us for a fun afternoon of bowling and laser tag. We will have lunch at church, leave church at 1:30 PM and then carpool down to Seymour. Youth can also be dropped off at Fun Blast at 2 PM.



Sunday, November 30th— Gingerbread Dough Making

This activity begins at noon with lunch. Youth will then make the gingerbread dough from scratch. This is the first step in getting ready for gingerbread house making. Parents are invited to join us for lunch and service.

Sunday, November 30th—Childcare during the Annual Meeting

SPY and C4Life youth will eat supper with their families at 5 PM and provide childcare at 6 PM during the Annual Meeting.

Sunday, December 14th—Christmas Family Fun Night

Join us for Christmas caroling at 3 PM and supper and gingerbread house decorating at 5 PM. SPY and C4Life youth can decorate their own gingerbread house.

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

IN OUR PRAYERS... **Baptism:** Harper Sasse Hums; **New Members:** Kenny and Christy DeBord; **Sick and Recovering:** Jim Probst, Charlotte Williams, Marie Tellman, Marilyn Brown, Johnny Lagneau, Jim Roth, Jill Scheidt, Callan Jones, Gloria Schultz, Dennis Peters, Ray and Sharon Cline, Karen Hendershot, Phyllis Fox, Nancy Lipka, Bob and Marilyn Runge, Pam Jenkins, Bob McDonald (Wendy Wiederhoeft's father), Chalmer Hoeltke (Bev Hoeltke's grandson), Chuck Heitman, Martina Garcia, Deb Larsen (Sariina Kalli's friend), Tom Beranek (Jennifer Seifer's grandfather), Allen Hart (Nikolai Haak's father-in-law), Curt Carothers, Mary Ann Foist (Don Strietelmeier's sister-in-law), Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friend), Bobby Carney (Sperry's friend), Mason Hinshaw (Mary Scheidt's friend), Lisa Williams (Ann Linke's niece/Jordan Patterson's aunt), Linda Dilk (Kim Chandler's grandmother), Tom Hinds (Jim Hinds' brother), Patricia and Katherine Leshkow (Karen Kruger's cousin and daughter), Franci Dilk (Kim Chandler's aunt), Marilyn Gifford (Hinds' friend), Joan McDaniel (Sarah Gibson's grandmother), Valerie Bernunzio (Karen Kruger's niece), Bonnie Bayly (Karen Kruger's friend), Lisa McGaha (Don and Debbie Schroer's friend), Austyn Gordon (Gonsior's nephew), Margaret Osmon (Nancy Dyer's sister), Paul Schultz (Gloria's son; Sandy Banister's brother), Cassie Murray (Jason and Laurie Schroer's friend), Tiffany Wilson (Karen Hendershot's cousin), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), Moe Humphrey (Ray and Pat Hall's friend), Ozzy Hentges (Kallis' friend), Kristina Hargitt (Kim Chandler's friend), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father), Annie Walton (Holly Wischmeier's coworker's daughter), William Leitshuh (Cleary's friend), Naomi Gillespie (Haaks' great-niece); **Grieving:** Family of Ellen Scholten (Larry Haak's aunt); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Noah Hoeltke, Evan Rickus, Shane McGowen (Sally Haak's nephew), Peyton Mullins (Sperry's friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST... We rejoice as Harper Sasse Hums, daughter of Scott and Shalah, is born again of water and the Spirit at the 8 AM service today. Godparents are Tom Cullen and Shanda Sasse. May God bless and keep Harper in the faith all her days.

WE WELCOME... Kenny and Christy DeBord into our family of faith at the 10:45 AM service today. May God richly bless as they with us are strengthened in the faith as we await the Great and Awesome Day of the Lord.

SUNDAY LUNCHES...

Today— Chicken Nuggets—KfC

Next Sunday, November 23rd—Mexican food day

November 30th— Zwanzig Pizza—Gingerbread Dough Making Day

December 7th— Chicken Sandwiches

PASTOR BAUMAN ON VACATION... Pastor and Michelle will be in Nebraska this Friday, November 21st—Monday, November 24th for the Bauman family holiday gathering. If you need pastoral care, please contact Pastor Patterson or Pastor Fickenscher.

TURKEY AND HAM SUPPER... St. Paul's, Dewberry invites you to their turkey and ham supper **next Sunday, November 23rd** serving from 4-6 PM. The church's address is 5588 East 900 South, Cross Plains.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SCUBSCRIPTION... The Lutheran Witness is a magazine published eleven times per year that keeps you updated with news from around the Synod, and addresses topical issues with feature articles, columns, Q&As, and more that will both inform and inspire. The yearly subscription is \$25. If you are interested in subscribing, please place \$25 in your Lutheran Witness offering envelope. You can also gift the subscription to others who you think may enjoy it! The deadline to order is **next Sunday, November 23rd.**

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE... On **Wednesday, November 26th** at 7 PM we will gather to give thanks to the Lord for all His blessings. Before you gather with your family on Thanksgiving Day, please take time to gather with your eternal family of faith to give thanks. Holy Communion will be celebrated. The theme of the service is *The Grateful Leper* based on Luke 17:11-19.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE... The new church year begins on **Sunday, November 30th** with the First Sunday in Advent. On that day, we will update prayer list. We gladly lift up in prayer all who are in need. If you or a loved one are on the prayer list and need to remain on the list, please contact Mackenzie Wint by email (secretary@stpaulcolumbus.org) or by calling the church office at 812-376-6504 by **Monday, November 24th**.

ANNUAL MEETING... Our annual meeting is **Sunday, November 30th**. We will review reports from our boards and staff for the past year and approve the mission and ministry budget for 2026 as well as ratify officers. A pitch-in meal begins at 5 PM with meat and drinks provided. The meeting begins at 6 PM. *The Annual Meeting packets are available to pick up in the gathering space today.* You are encouraged to review the materials

before the meeting. Children are welcome to attend. They can eat with their parents and then childcare will be provided during the meeting.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DONATIONS... Every year we are blessed to have a great turnout for our Christmas Family Fun Night. If you would like to donate items, please sign up on the sheet posted in the gathering space. All items should be brought to church by **Sunday, November 30th**.

THANKS TO... all who served this past week at the two bereavement meals and the meal for the Circuit Pastors meeting. Thanks also to all those who provided baked goods for Baking for the Building and donated items for the Silent Auction.

The Response of God's People

Last Sunday, November 9th

Divine Service Attendance: **393**; Communion: **286**

Sunday School Attendance: **179**

General Fund: **\$8,511.41**

Weekly Need: \$15,933

Extending Christ's Love: **\$1,803** including \$50 Earl Stam Memorial

Radio Ministry: \$375; Helping Hands: \$100; Music Fund: \$50 Earl Stam Memorial; Lutheran Witness: \$50

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Social Media Coordinator Andrea Cotton; socialmedia@stpaulcolumbus.org; 812-344-4580

ECM Teachers: Anne Wiltsey (kindergarten); Michelle Schultz, Alyssa Schultz, Glory Wofford (preschool)

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

Claudia Sims, Caroline Wilcox, Amy Yeley

Reaching out with Christ's Love to Serve and Grow