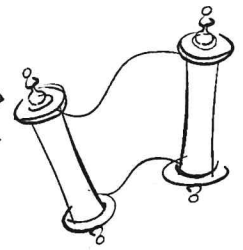


# St. Paul Epistle



The Monthly Newsletter of St. Paul Lutheran Church

October 2025

## Here is the Church...

*Here is the church...Here is the steeple...Open the doors...See all the people!*

More than likely, you learned this nursery rhyme with the accompanying actions as a child. This rhyme serves as a good reminder as to what the church is. The church is not the building, but the people of God gathered around the gifts of God.

At the time of the Reformation 500 years ago, Martin Luther and other reformers restored the Biblical understanding of the Church. At that time, the common teaching was that the church was an institution, and to be a member of the true church was submission to the church hierarchy and whatever teachings and practices they imposed upon the people. Over against this false understanding of the Church, we confess in our Augsburg Confession: ***It is also taught among us that one holy Christian church will be and remain forever. This is the assembly of all believers among whom the Gospel is preached in its purity, and the holy sacraments are administered according to the Gospel.***



The church is the people. The church is the communion (community) of saints as we confess in the Creed. Without people, there is no church. But the church is also the gathering of believers around the Gospel truthfully proclaimed and the sacraments rightly administered. Our faith is not lived in isolation. By God's design, the church is a community, the people of God gathered around the gifts of God. Through the Word and Sacraments, faith is given and strengthened, and the blessings of Christ's death and resurrection are personally given to us. As we gather together as the church, we are given the opportunity to support, care, and pray for one another, mutually encouraging one another as we follow Jesus our Savior.

The church is the people of God gathered together around His good gifts. Hence, church buildings are needed for this purpose. Whether the building is large or small, simple or ornate, a self-standing church building or a house church, wherever God's people assemble around His Word and table, there you find the church of Jesus Christ.

During October, we have many opportunities to celebrate the gift of the church and gather together as God's people to receive His gifts and to further the mission He has entrusted to us.

On **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a special Voters Meeting at 9:30 AM to consider the motion to begin construction of the Christian Education Center. We need a place and space to gather to receive God's gifts and to reach out with Christ's love. As God has blessed both our church and early childhood ministry with growth, we will consider whether now is the time to expand our facilities so that the Word of God would continue to be proclaimed and taught, and by the grace of God reach even more people. Please plan to attend this special meeting. If you cannot attend, you can vote in absentia. The process to obtain a ballot is outlined on the News and Notes page in the newsletter.

On **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**, we will observe Loyalty Sunday where we will offer our pledges for the coming year. As the church of Christ in this place, we sacrificially offer what God has given us to extend His kingdom here and throughout the world. Loyalty Sunday gives us the opportunity to reflect the Lord's countless blessings in our personal lives and in our life together as His church, and how we can faithfully steward these gifts to reach the lost and grow the found.

On **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday, rejoicing that our church, faith, and lives are firmly founded on Christ, our mighty fortress and solid rock. If the motion on October 5<sup>th</sup> to begin construction is adopted, then the Groundbreaking Service for the Christian Education Center will occur between services on this day.

Pray for our Church that we would continue to be faithful to God's Word and to be the people He has called us to be, eager to gather together around His Word and Supper and to be faithful in loving, caring, and witnessing to others.

On Christ, the solid rock we stand!

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Claudia Sims, Caroline Wilcox, Amy Yeley  
Teacher Assistants

### Sunday Schedule

8 AM Divine Service

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Radio Worship Service/91.1 FM

10:45 AM Divine Service

English and Spanish

12:15 PM Spanish Sunday School

7 PM Lutheran Hour/91.1 FM

### Prayer Chain

Bonnie England  
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# Musical Notes

"How shall they hear," who have not heard

News of a Lord who loved and came;

Nor known His reconciling Word,

Nor learned to trust a Savior's name?

Let's begin with a question—the opening stanza of LSB 831 does just that! I am always intrigued by hymns that ask questions, because even though the answer will be rapidly forthcoming, we are still able to ponder what is being asked. As we have discussed previously, one of the challenges with hymn singing, especially singing new and unfamiliar hymns, is the short amount of time we have to listen and learn. Thankfully, the hymnal isn't reserved for an hour on Sunday morning but available for us to use at any time.

The mission/witness nature of hymn 831 answers the opening question in the second stanza:

"To all the world," to every place,

Neighbors and friends and far-off lands,

Preach the good news of saving grace;

Go while the great commission stands.

We live in the mission field and daily have opportunities to tell of Jesus and His love. At Marianne Arnholt's funeral, Pastor Bauman told of how a trip to the store was an opportunity for her to talk about Jesus. What an example for us to follow! Share the good news of salvation to everyone in every place, through Word and song, that all might believe and be saved. The third stanza asks:

"Whom shall I send!" Who hears the call,

Constant in prayer, through toil and pain,

Telling of One who died for all,

To bring a lost world home again?

And the fourth stanza answers:

"Lord, here am I:" Your fire impart

To this poor cold self-centered soul;

Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,

And make a world for Christ my goal.

Let us extend Christ's love through God's Word and the church's song, now and forever! Thanks be to God!

Dan



**Sr. Handbells** rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm.

**Sr. Choir** rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15 pm.

**Jr. Choir** rehearses on Sunday mornings from 9:30-9:50 am.

**Choristers** rehearse on Sundays from 12:15-12:45 pm.

**Jr. Handchimes** rehearse on Sundays from 12:45-1:15 pm.

**Jr. Handbells** rehearse on Sundays from 1:15-1:45 pm.

**Small Group Handbells** rehearse on Mondays from 10:00-11:00 am.

If you are interested in more information or have questions, please contact me at, (mobile) 812-927-9319, or email

[kantor@StPaulColumbus.org](mailto:kantor@StPaulColumbus.org)

Thank you!





## Reaching out with Christ's love to serve and grow through early childhood education

The parable of the wise and foolish builders emphasizes the critical importance of building the foundation of our lives on God's Word. God's children can confidently weather life's storms by building on Christ, the solid rock. With Christ as the cornerstone, teachers can construct a framework for holistic child development.

The structure that encourages a child to grow into a successful adult includes mastery in social, emotional, cognitive, physical, language, communication, and listening skills. Each of these areas can be broken down further, into essential skills that children need to engage in daily. Learning for children is never isolated for academic purposes alone, but naturally interconnects with the greater life lessons found in each person's surrounding community. Family, schools, and churches make significant contributions to a child's life of learning.

At our early childhood ministry, I rejoice that our staff frames each child's education on the foundation of Jesus Christ. Through instruction and modeling, our students learn that Jesus is our forever friend and He teaches us how to care for our neighbors. Jesus understands our feelings and helps us work through them. God teaches us about the world and our place in it. God has fearfully and wonderfully made each person. Talking to God in prayer and listening to God's Word helps us to share the stories of Jesus with everyone around us. What a joy it is to construct our learning and growth on Jesus!

~Blessings,

Jen Probst, ECM Director

# October

**7** – Lambs Chapel at 8:20 AM

**8** – Kindergarten & Doves Chapel at 8:20 AM

**13 to 17** – Fall Break

**20** – Picture Retakes

**21 to 23** – Parent Teacher Conferences

## Church "Merch"

Our Early Childhood Ministry Board is excited to unveil the latest merchandise ("Merch") that features our St. Paul Lutheran Logo. Investing in these items is a way of promoting our ministry in the community, exhibiting support for our family of faith, and contributes to our campaign of Extending Christ's Love by giving the proceeds to our construction project. Orders can be placed on the forms found at church or on the church website. Orders and payments are due by Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> to ensure that items are received by the holidays. If you would like additional information, please contact Andrea Cotton, Marissa Younger, Emily Linke, or Jen Probst.

				
Shirt - \$15	Tote - \$25	Hat - \$20	Tumbler - \$25	Travel Mug - \$30



# Christian Education

## Reading Through the New Testament

The parable of the wise and foolish builders is recorded in the Gospel of Matthew as the last lesson in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Its placement at the end of Jesus' teaching emphasizes the importance of actively listening to God's Word and putting His instructions into practice. Jesus assures His followers that this practice will help God's children to weather life's storms.

Building on the Rock means anchoring to God's Word in the Bible. Every Sunday, we have the opportunity to hear, sing, and speak God's Word. I want to invite you to add to this foundation by joining me in daily Bible readings.

There are many resources that help support daily Biblical readings. The hymnal has a Bible reading plan. There are many online resources to guide you through daily Scripture readings. The reading plan I will feature this and upcoming newsletter articles will take you through the entire New Testament by the end of this calendar year. It is considered a "chronological" reading plan based on how Biblical scholars have aligned Scriptural accounts with historic information. Pick any plan that will help you to strengthen your faith foundation through the reading of God's Word!

Daily October Bible Readings				21	Matt. 17; Mark 9; Lk 9:28-62
1	Luke 1; John 1:1-14	11	Matt. 8:1-13; Luke 7	22	Matt. 18
2	Matt. 1; Luke 2:1-38	12	Matt. 11	23	John 7-8
3	Matt. 2; Luke 2:39-52	13	Matt. 12:22-50; Luke 11	24	John 9:1-10:21
4	Matt. 3; Mark 1; Luke 3	14	Matt. 13; Luke 8	25	Luke 10-11; John 10:22-42
5	Matt 4; Lk 4-5; Jn 1:15-51	15	Matt. 8:14-34; Mark 4-5	26	Luke 12-13
6	John 2-4	16	Matt. 9-10	27	Luke 14-15
7	Matt. 8-9; Mark 2	17	Matt. 14; Mark 6; Lk 9:1-17	28	Luke 16-17:10
8	John 5	18	John 6	29	John 11
9	Matt. 12:1-21; Mrk 3; Lk 6	19	Matt. 15; Mark 7	30	Luke 17:11-18:14
10	Matt. 5-7	20	Matt. 16; Mrk 8; Lk 9:18-27	31	Matt. 19; Mark 10

## Sunday School Lessons

Oct	<u>First Steps of Faith</u> <i>Infant to 2-year-olds</i>	<u>Early Elementary</u> <i>Preschool to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>	<u>Upper Elementary</u> <i>5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>	<u>Confirmation</u> <i>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>
5	Moses	Jacob Deceives Esau	Jesus Helps Peter Catch Fish	Lord's Prayer
12	David- boy David	Jacob's Flight/Vision	Jesus Changes Water to Wine	Stewardship Sunday
19	David - Goliath	Jacob and Laban	Jesus Calms the Storm	Lord's Prayer
26	Ground Breaking Celebration			

**Senior High** (9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade): Resilient Minds: Christ-centered Mental Health

**Sunday Adult Bible Study** – *Nicene Creed* - Fellowship Room (Pastor Bauman)

– *Early Church* - Gathering Space (Deaconess Taylor Brown Fickenscher)

## Wednesday Adult Bible Studies

9:00 AM – Hebrews

6:00 PM – Romans

## Moms in the Word

October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

# Youth Ministry

## Gifts of Time and Talent:

Acolytes			Music During the Service	
8:00 AM	10:45 AM		8:00 AM	10:45 AM
Julia Burbrink	Faith Wofford	5 <sup>th</sup>	Jr. Choir/ Small Group Handbells	
Kinze Fischer	Kevin Chun Escalante	12 <sup>th</sup>	No Group Singing/Ringing	
Faith Fohne	Alex Essex	19 <sup>th</sup>	Sr. Choir	
Danial Helt	Emma Gibson	26 <sup>th</sup>	Sr. Choir/Sr. Handbells	

## Connecting to Others:

<b>KfC</b> <i>Kids for Christ youth group for preschool to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>	<b><u>Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup></u></b> from 12:15 to 1:15 PM (at the Church) Come and join us as we celebrate the groundbreaking for our Christian Education Center! We will begin our time together with a meal and a devotion. We will then create construction projects of our own. There is no cost for this event. Parents are encouraged to stay and assist children with activities.
<div> <b>C4Life</b>  <i>Christ for Life youth group for 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</i> </div> <b><u>Saturday, October 25</u></b> – Escape Room Your mission, if you decide to accept it, is to work with your team to solve the clues that will help you escape the room! Located in Columbus, we will meet at Escape 812 (331 Franklin Street) at (time). Once we have escaped, we will head over to Dairy Queen for dinner.  <u>Please note:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a change from the originally posted date.</li> <li>• Youth are responsible for food purchases.</li> <li>• There is limit of 24 participants for the Escape Room.</li> <li>• <i>Register by Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup></i></li> </ul>	<div> <b>SPY</b>  <i>St. Paul Youth group for High School students</i> </div> <b><u>October 11-13:</u></b> Careers for Christ (Concordia Chicago) This is a free event for any youth interested in learning more about working in the church. Youth will stay and participate in activities on the university campus. <i>Registration due by September 28<sup>th</sup>.</i> <b><u>25</u></b> – Escape Room (see description to the left)  <u>Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup></u> <i>Registration Due Date:</i> March for Life Senior High and Post High School Youth are invited to celebrate God's gift of life in Washington D.C.! Join people from across the nation and learn how we can support all people at each age and stage.

Please see DCE Jen Probst for additional details or registration information.

*~Friends are always welcome. Parents are invited to help out.~*





St. Paul Lutheran Church  
& Early Childhood Ministry

# News and Notes

## Extending Christ's Love Update

Thanks to all who attended the Informational Forums on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Your feedback, questions, and ongoing support is greatly appreciated. There have been significant developments in the past weeks:

- The Columbus Board of Zoning Appeals approved the plans for the Christian Education Center by a unanimous vote on August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- On September 4<sup>th</sup>, the Building Committee approved bids for the project. The project came in under the \$8.125 million approved budget! The project budget includes the tornado shelter, playground, elevator, and additional parking spaces behind the church.



### Special Voters Meeting—Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM

Based on these developments, a special **Voters Meeting** has been called on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM to consider the following motion: *To begin construction of the Christian Education Center at a budgeted cost not to exceed \$8.125 million.* All confirmed members 18 years and old are eligible to vote and *encouraged* to do so. If you cannot attend the meeting, you may request a ballot by contacting Congregational President Jason Schroer by phone or text at 812-343-2380 or email at [jason.schroer@gmail.com](mailto:jason.schroer@gmail.com). Ballots must be requested no later than **Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** so that you can receive your ballot and it can be returned on or before the meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> to be counted.

### Playground Project

Over \$22,000 has been contributed toward our \$55,000 matching grant goal for the playground. In early October, we will be sending an appeal letter to present and former early childhood ministry families inviting them to participate in this amazing opportunity to fund our safe and age-appropriate playground.

### Questions About Your Pledge

Thank you for your incredible generosity to Extending Christ's Love! If you would like to know any details about your ECL pledge, such as the amount pledged, timing of your pledge, the amount you have given thus far, or if you need to make any adjustments, please reach out to Rachel Fohne at [financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org](mailto:financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org) or 812-343-3786. The fulfillment of your pledge is a key part of advancing our mission and ministry, and our finance committee uses the projected pledges to guide our financial decisions. Thank you for your continued faithfulness, generosity, and support!

## College Addresses

Please give your college address, email, and phone number to the church office at [secretary@stpaulcolumbus.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulcolumbus.org) or 812-376-6504, so that we can stay in contact with you (including a college care package!) while you are at school. Care packages will be prepared at the SPY event on **September 21<sup>st</sup>** so please turn in these addresses before Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

## White Creek to Celebrate 185<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Our mother congregation, St. John's, White Creek invites you to their 185<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on **Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**. The Divine Service will begin at 9 AM with Indiana District President Dr. Stuckwisch preaching.

White Creek was founded in 1840. They called their first resident pastor, Rev. Karl Frinke in 1847. In 1848, Rev. Frinke began serving German settlers in the Clifty area, leading to the founding of our congregation. White Creek has operated a parochial school since its early existence, making it the oldest continually operating school in Bartholomew County.

## Early Childhood Ministry Open House

You are invited to our early childhood ministry open house on **Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** following the 10:45 AM service. Plan to come up the hill, tour the classrooms, visit with our staff, view student artwork and crafts, and get to know our early childhood ministry families.

## Harvest Fest

Our annual Harvest Fest is **Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** at the Schroer Ranch (9846 East 50 North) beginning at 4 PM. Come join us for games, volleyball, apple bobbing, hay rides, a hymn sing, and devotions led by the youth followed by a pitch-in supper. The meal will begin at 5:30 PM. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring your lawn chairs and a dish to share.

## Bartholomew County Right to Life Chain

The Life Chain will be held on **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** from 2-3 PM at Columbus City Hall. Life Chains are held in cities across the country to make a public, prayerful, and peaceful stand for Life. For more information, please contact Judy Jackson at 812-350-0479.

## Grief Small Group Bible Class

All who are experiencing grief from the death of a loved one are invited to participate in a small group Bible study using the guide *When Your Heart Breaks*. This study will meet on Mondays at 2 PM at the church beginning **Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** and will be led by Marybeth Glick. This study and support group is open to members and anyone from our community who is grieving so please invite others. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Marybeth Glick at marybethglick@gmail.com or 812-371-6254.

## Orphan Grain Train Work Day

St. Paul serves the OGT by sorting donated items for distribution the first Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in volunteering, please join us on **Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## Stewardship Sundays

The stewardship packets will be available beginning **Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**. To save postage costs, please pick up your packet and any packet that you can deliver to others. Packets not picked up by October 5<sup>th</sup> will be mailed on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The procedures for making your pledges will be explained at the October 5<sup>th</sup> services.

**Loyalty Sunday is October 19<sup>th</sup>** when we will offer our pledges for 2026 as we respond to the Lord's benefits with thankful and grateful hearts. Prayerfully consider God's blessings in your life and how you can use God's gifts to further His kingdom through our congregation, community, and world.

## Waymansville Fish Fry

St. Peter, Waymansville invites you to their fish fry on **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** serving from 4-7 PM with dine-in, carryout, or drive-thru options. The menu includes fish sandwiches, hotdogs, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, chips, pie, and drinks. A freewill offering will be received.

## Reformation Sunday

We will celebrate the Lutheran Reformation on **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** with festival services with the theme: *Our Rock, Our Fortress, Our Foundation* based on Psalm 46.

If the motion to begin construction is approved at the October 5<sup>th</sup> Voters Meeting, then the Groundbreaking Service will also be held on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Details will be shared in upcoming bulletins and the November newsletter.

Also, on Reformation Sunday, we will join with other congregations in our circuit to gather a door offering to support the Aurora Circuit Church Workers Scholarship Fund.

## Mission of the Month

Our October Mission of the Month is White Creek Lutheran School Foundation. The White Creek Lutheran School Foundation was established to provide scholarships and ongoing financial support for White Creek Lutheran School. Matthew Lewis is our congregation's representative on the Foundation Board. If you would like more information about the Foundation, please speak to Matthew.

## 2026 Mission of the Month Submissions

Each month we support a mission of the month, which is highlighted in the monthly newsletter, through a \$1,000 donation. If you would like to recommend an organization to support, please submit it to a member of the Board of Stewardship (Rob Baltus, Carolyn Wilkerson, or Adam Scheidt) by **Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

## Sunday Lunches

We offer lunches throughout the school year for those participating in afternoon events including Spanish Bible study, youth confirmation, youth choirs, and youth groups. If you are interested in serving, please sign-up in the gathering space. Here are the upcoming menus:

September 14<sup>th</sup>—Chicken Wraps

September 21<sup>st</sup>—Taco Bar

September 28<sup>th</sup>—Meatball Subs

October 5<sup>th</sup>—Corn Dogs with macaroni and cheese

October 12<sup>th</sup>—Fall Break – No Lunch Served

October 19<sup>th</sup>—Fettuccine Alfredo

October 26<sup>th</sup>—Sloppy Joes/Hot Dogs—KfC Day

## Leadership Nominations

If you are interested in serving as a church officer or as a member of one of our church boards or if you would like to recommend someone to serve, please contact Zach Mathews at 812-603-9981 or zachmathews1@gmail.com.

## Be Aware of Scammers

Some of our members recently received scam emails and/or text messages from those impersonating staff members requesting assistance and asking for the purchase of gift cards.

**Notice: Email or Text Message Requests for Assistance or Donations**—Please be aware that our pastors, church and ECM staff will never send unsolicited emails or text messages requesting assistance, donations, or the purchase of gift cards. Any such message you may receive is fraudulent and should be disregarded.

If you receive an email or text message of this nature, **do not reply, click on any links, or provide personal or financial information.**

Thank you for helping protect yourself, our church family, and our community from scams.

## St. Paul Lutheran SGO

**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! And, even better, you as a donor are eligible to receive a 50% tax credit on your Indiana taxes. You can eliminate a portion or all of your Indiana tax liability! Please contact Rachel Fohne for more information at [financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org](mailto:financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org) or 812-343-3786. You can also visit [www.lutheransgo.org](http://www.lutheransgo.org) for more information! The donation form is included in this newsletter or you can donate online at [lutheransgo.org](http://lutheransgo.org).

2025-2026 St. Paul SGO Fundraising Goal \$135,000

Amount Raised to Date \$6,640



## Our Christian Stewardship

We are grateful for your joyful and generous response to our Lord's blessings through your gifts and offerings. Your faithful stewardship enables us to proclaim the Word so that we can remain firmly founded on Christ, the Rock of our salvation, and proclaim this saving Word to others.

### January-August 2025 Financial Report

Offerings Needed:	\$557,655
Offerings Received:	<u>\$558,450</u>
Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 795
Total Income:	\$704,933
Total Expenses:	<u>\$710,609</u>
Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$5,676)

At the end of August, we are running a deficit for the first time in 2025. This is the result of reduced offerings during the summer months

and payment of fall semester tuition scholarships for students from our congregation who attend Lutheran elementary schools and Trinity Lutheran High School (\$51,588). Please continue to give sacrificially and generously so that we can continue to reach out with Christ's love.

If you have any questions about our church finances, please contact Treasurer Mary Ann Nunn, Financial Secretary Rachel Fohne, or a member of the Board of Stewardship.

## Official Acts

Aaron, Crystal, and Elisabeth Laws were confirmed on August 31<sup>st</sup> and sons William and Theodore were received as baptized members.

Richard Kruger entered eternal life on August 21<sup>st</sup> and was given Christian burial on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Marianne Arnholt entered eternal life on August 31<sup>st</sup> and was given Christian burial on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Latino Outreach Report

On Sunday, September 28, Harvest Fest day, the Latino members and friends of Trinity Indianapolis will join our Latino members for a joint service and celebration at Clifty, and you're invited! The fun will begin at 1 PM with lunch and Bible study / a family activity. The Divine Service will be at 2:30 PM, and then after that we'll head to the Schroer ranch for the festivities that begin there at 4 PM. Everything will be bilingual, so don't let the language impede you from attending.

## LWML News

Thank you to all who have gifted our congregation with surplus produce, plants, and flowers as part of the **Harvest Mission** this year. Members can donate to this outreach any Sunday through October or make a donation to St. Paul's Food Bank and take some home. Contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142 for more info.

St. Paul will be taking up a **Seminary Door Offering** on Sunday, September 21. This special collection, taken after both services, will support our Fort Wayne food co-op which provides milk, produce, meat, and other perishables for seminarians and their families. Please prayerfully consider supporting this mission outreach.

**LWML Sunday** is coming up on October 5. Lutheran Women in Mission continue to support, encourage, and uplift missionaries and provide physical support and compassion to all people. Start stockpiling your loose change so you can fill those mite boxes on October 5. Don't have a mite box? Boxes and LWML Sunday donation envelopes will be available September 28.



**Honey Sundays** are October 5 and 12. We support the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch by selling bottles of honey for a suggested donation of \$10 per bottle. Orders will be taken at the honey tables in the gathering space on October 5 and 12, and honey will be shipped directly to you in time for Thanksgiving. A QR code to order will also be up on the bulletin board. We would love for a couple of ladies to sit at the Honey Tables on these two Sundays, at least between services, to coordinate the sales. Let us know if you can help.

**LWML Indiana District Choir for Worship Anew:** Last year, several women from our district participated in a choir that was recorded for Worship Anew. We will do so again this year, on donation day at the seminary October 14. This recording will be televised later in the year. Nora Cleary will be accompanying the choir, so please reach out if you'd like to share your musical talents in this way.

The **LWML Fall Zone Gathering** will take place Saturday, October 25, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Martinsville. We will be carpooling to the event, and we would love you to join us. A sign-up sheet will go up on the bulletin board in early October.

Looking for leadership opportunities? The LWML is looking for someone to coordinate the **Military Care Packages** outreach. We are planning to send care packages in January or February, not November and December, to save on sanity and shipping costs around Christmas. If you are interested, let Sariina Kalli or Sally Haak know.

The offices of **LWML president and secretary** are up for election in January. If you are interested in taking on a new role in the LWML, please reach out to any member of the current board, or to past presidents Jen Probst or Nora Cleary. You are never leading this mission-based organization alone, and we would love to welcome some new women into these leadership roles.





# St. Paul Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Ministry

## October 2025

Our Sunday Schedule  
**8 AM Divine Service**  
9:10 AM Fellowship  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
9:30 AM Radio Service

**10:45 AM Divine Service English & Spanish** 12:45 PM Jr. Handchimes (10/5, 10/19)  
Noon Lunch (no lunch 10/12)  
12:15 PM Confirmation (no class 10/12)  
12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study  
12:15 PM Choristers (10/5, 10/19)  
1:15 PM Jr. Handbells (10/5, 10/19)  
7 PM Lutheran Hour

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> <u>Wednesday Schedule</u> 9 AM Bible Study <b>10:15 AM Matins</b> 6 PM Bible Study 6 PM Sr. Handbells 7 PM Sr. Choir	<b>2</b> 6 PM Tri-W Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Radio Service and Lutheran Hour can be found on 91.1 FM Columbus/Madison, 89.1 FM Greensburg, 88.1 FM Versailles/Osgood, and 94.5 FM Salem						
<b>5</b> LWML Sunday Mite Box Offering Honey Sunday First Stewardship Sunday Jr. Choir 9:30 AM Voters Meeting	<b>6</b> 10 AM Moms in the Word 10 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10 AM Small Group Handbells 2 PM Small Group Grief Study	<b>7</b> 8:20 AM Lambs Chapel 9 AM-Noon OGT Work Day 12:15 PM Staff Meeting	<b>8</b> 8:20 AM Doves and Kindergarten Chapel 7:30 PM ECM Board Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Church Reserved Kantor Mau on Vacation until 10/14 Rachel Fohne on vacation until 10/17	<b>11</b> Howarth-Jaynes Wedding SPY—Careers for Christ
<b>12</b> Honey Sunday Noon Confirmation Make-up SPY Event—Careers for Christ	<b>13</b> October Newsletter Deadline 2 PM Small Group Grief Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
Fall Break—No School October 13-17; Mackenzie in Office on Tuesday						
<b>19</b> Sr. Choir Loyalty Sunday	<b>20</b> 8:30 AM ECM Picture Retakes 9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10 AM Small Group Handbells 2 PM Small Group Grief Study 5:30 PM Girl Scouts	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> LWML Fall Zone Gathering in Martinsville 4:30 PM C4Life and SPY Escape Room and Dinner
		District Pastors Conference		Parent-Teacher Conferences—School IN Session		
<b>26</b> Groundbreaking—Pending Voter Approval Sr. Choir/Sr. Handbells Noon-1:15 PM KFC	<b>27</b> 9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10 AM Small Group Handbells 2 PM Small Group Grief Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 1:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit	<b>31</b> Reformation Day	

# Serving at St. Paul

Service	Usher Team	Elders	Greeters
8 AM	Team C	Adam Hall and Carl Shaffer	Mike and Jan Hackman
10:45 AM	Team F	Wiley Umphress and Steve Voelz	Bob and Joann Kirby

Day	Acolyte	Flowers	Radio	Fellowship Hour	Lunch
5	8 AM Julia Burbrink	LWML		Price and Warren Families	Matthew and Sarah Lewis
	10:45 AM Faith Wofford				
12	8 AM Kinze Fischer	Ray and Sharon Cline		Mike and Jan Hackman	No Lunch
	10:45 AM Kevin Chun Escalante				
19	8 AM Faith Fohne	Marilyn Koester		Behrman & Don and Debbie Schroer	Laws Family
	10:45 AM Alex Essex				
26	8 AM Danial Helt	Dan Mau	Adam and Kristy Hall	Tri-W	Katie Arnholt
	10:45 AM Emma Gibson				





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