



Grace Upon Grace to Nicodemus

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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 Faith Fohne
10:45 AM Service Ellis Sperry

Church Calendar

Today	Mite Box 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
Monday	10:00 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10:00 AM Moms in the Word 10:00 AM Small Group Handbells
Tuesday	5:30 PM Church Reserved
Wednesday	9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service 10:45 AM Communion Wafer Making 5:30 PM Supper 5:30 PM Sr. Handbells 6:00 PM ECM Board Meeting 6:30-6:45 PM Hymn Sing 6:45 PM Lenten Service 7:45 PM Sr. Choir 7:45 PM Edlers Meeting
Thursday	6:00 PM Tri-W Meeting
Saturday	1-5 PM Church Reserved Set clocks forward one hour before bed!
Next 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

TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY... is sponsored by Dan and Taffy Schroer in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary.

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Prelude

Sr. Handbells: *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*—J. Phillips (Hymn 722)
Glory Be to Jesus—J. Behnke (Hymn 433)

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn

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Confession of Sins

please stand pages 184-185

Introit

Psalm 105:4-8

P He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations. Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered, O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones! He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

C *(all sing—page 186)* **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Kyrie

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C *(all sing)* **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Gloria in Excelsis (pages 187-189) is omitted during Lent

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.

C *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *(sung)* **Amen.**

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

[Paul writes:] What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

please stand and speak together

G **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.**

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the third chapter.

G *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 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.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day**571 stanzas 1-5****Sermon***Grace Upon Grace to Nicodemus*

John 3:1-17

Offering**598****Prayer of the Church***please stand***Service of the Sacrament**

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Distribution**429, 708, 722, 718, 426***Visitors: Please read our Communion statement on the inside front cover of the bulletin.***Closing Liturgy***please stand* pages 199-202**Closing Hymn****571 stanza 6****Postlude***Fugue on the Jeux d'Anches (2nd Kyrie)— F. Couperin*

Grace Upon Grace to Nicodemus—John 3:1-17

Nicodemus was no ordinary seeker:

- He was a P_____, an expert educated in the Jewish law.
- He was a member of the Sanhedrin, the ruling c_____ of the Jews.
- The Bible calls him “a r_____ of the Jews.”

Jesus taught Nicodemus about being born again, born of water and the Spirit. This is Holy B_____.

Jesus pointed Nicodemus to the heart of it all. The Son of Man must be l_____ up (on the cross).

That same grace comes to us. It leads us to J_____.

This grace c_____ us! It transforms us by the working of the Holy Spirit to live holy lives. We are
n_____ creations!

Wednesday's Readings *Grace Upon Grace to Abraham—Psalm 105:1-15; Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-6, 17:1-7, 15-16*

Next Sunday's Readings *Grace Upon Grace to Woman at the Well—Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-30, 39-42*

LIVING THE SERMON... Like Nicodemus, we sometimes lack spiritual understanding or are timid and fearful in our faith. But God gives grace upon grace as we receive his gifts of Word and Sacrament over and over to nourish and strengthen our faith making it bold and fruitful.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Lord, have mercy on us who are weak, timid, fearful, and doubting, that by Your grace upon grace we may be encouraged and deepened in faith and in faithful living to the glory of Your holy name.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *Jesus said to [the woman at the well], “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water I give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. John 4:13-14*

Church Fellowship Event—Back 9 Golf

Join your 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 their friends are welcome and attend for free (medical and liability forms for friends are needed). Adults and their 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 **next Sunday, March 8th** to reserve your spot.

Youth Events

All Youth Families—Upcoming Youth Fundraisers

This 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)

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. RSVP to Eric Scheidt by next Sunday, March 8th. See announcement above for more information.

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

Playground Project Goal Reached!!! Thanks be to God that through your generosity and many others, we have reached our \$120,000 goal for our playground project! We express our thanks to the anonymous donor who offered the matching funds for us to reach this goal.



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.

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.

Stewarding HIS Gifts

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)

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!

Financial Updates

The Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) rules allow IRA owners to make direct transfer from their IRA to a qualified charity without including the distribution in taxable income. Eligible individuals may contribute up to \$111,000 in 2026 directly from their IRA to a charitable organization such as St. Paul Lutheran Church. These transfers can also be applied toward satisfying their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year. The QCD limit for 2026 is \$111,000. Please consult with your tax advisor for your specific situation. A QCD can be an excellent way to give to the St. Paul General Fund or Extending Christ's Love.

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.

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. You can 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

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 for your specific situation.

There are a variety opportunities and ways to give to St. Paul. You can always make a donation online through the website or the QR code on the back page of this bulletin. If you have a question about any of the above ways to give or a question regarding giving to St. Paul, please reach out to Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786 or rachel.fohne@stpaulcolumbus.org.

IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering: Henry Wischmeier (surgery Tuesday), Janice Scheidt, Gene Wint, Doug Essex, Danny Johnson, Doug Brown, Riley Walton, Katrina Smith, Dennis Hoeltke, Wilma Yeley, Sheila Shaffer, Marie Tellman, Gloria Schultz, Joan Wilcox, Beverly Neawedde, Gerald Helt, Jill Scheidt, Bob and Marilyn Runge, Marilyn Brown, Ron Gillespie (Haaks' brother-in-law), 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)

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

- + March newsletter, also available online
- + 2025 Contribution Statements
- + April-June *Portals of Prayer*

SUNDAY LUNCHES...

Today—Taco Bar

Next Sunday, March 8th—Sloppy Joes

March 15th—No Lunch Served—Spring Break

March 22nd—Latino Families Hosting

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE... is **this Wednesday, March 4th** at 6:45 PM with the theme *Grace Upon Grace to Abraham*. The service will be preceded by a hymn sing from 6:30-6:45 PM. Supper is served from 5:30-6:15 PM by the youth. The menu is pancakes (regular and gluten free), sausage, and fruit. The freewill offering benefits our youth ministry.

MITE BOX SUNDAY... is **today**. 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 **tomorrow** at 10 AM in the fellowship room. Join us for a devotion and fellowship!

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WORK DAY... is **this 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... You are invited to join us as we make Communion wafers **this Wednesday, March 4th** at 10:45 AM in the kitchen.

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

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

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE... is **Monday, March 9th**.

GRANDPARENTS DAY... Our early childhood ministry students will attend school with their grandparents (or special friends) on **Friday, March 13th**. You are invited to attend chapel which begins at 8:20 AM. Since our staff will be assisting with Grandparents Day, the church office will be closed.

LWML TO HOST BIRTHDAY PARTY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY HOME... On **Tuesday, March 17th**, the LWML will host Birthday Bingo at the Lutheran Community Home in Seymour. We are asked to provide bingo prizes, two dozen cupcakes, and three angel food cakes for the event. A few of us are planning to carpool from the church to lunch at a Seymour restaurant before bingo at 2 PM. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please reach out to Wendy Wiederhoeft at 812-371-4271 to donate baked goods or rideshare. Bingo prizes can be dropped off in the bin in the coat room at any time.

EASTER EGG CANDY DONATIONS... Please consider donating candy for the Easter egg hunt. 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.

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 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.

CONCORDIA COUNSELING... is growing, and we want to hear YOUR ideas about how we can better serve in our congregations and community. Today is the LAST DAY to fill out our confidential, brief survey by scanning the QR code below. Thank you!



ECM REGISTRATION... *Help us promote our 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) for more information.

THANKS TO YOU.... For all your kindness during my hip replacement surgery and recovery. For all the prayers, cards, well wishes, phone calls, visits and food you have provided. They are all so much appreciated. What a blessing to have such a loving and caring church family.
- Sheila Shaffer and family

THANKS TO... all who donated to the LWML's military care packages project and to the elders and their wives for serving the Lenten supper on Wednesday.

The Response of God's People

Ash Wednesday Service

Divine Service: **243**

Communion: **186**

Sunday, February 22nd

Divine Service: **382**

Communion: **282**

Sunday School: **170**



Offering

General Fund: **\$24,755.21** Weekly Need: \$17,721

Extending Christ's Love: **\$12,085.63** including \$3,401

Playground of which \$50 is Jim Probst Memorial; \$100

Kitchen Equipment

Radio Ministry: \$105

Lutheran SGO: \$100

Chapel Offering: \$62 for Helping Hands

St. Paul Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Ministry

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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