

**FOR THE
MESSAGE OF
THE CROSS IS
FOOLISHNESS
TO THOSE WHO
ARE PERISHING,
BUT TO US WHO
ARE BEING
SAVED IT IS THE
POWER OF GOD.**

- 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18 -



The United Body

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Columbus, Indiana

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023

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 812-392-2732 to activate our **Prayer Chain**. Your fellow church members will pray for you.

Our Communion Practice: Scripture teaches that the Lord's Supper is a meal for baptized believers where the bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, and that through this Sacrament God grants us the forgiveness of sins and strength for our faith. Holy Scripture reminds us in 1 Corinthians 11:27-34 that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm. It is out of love and care for each individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask that those who hold a different belief or church membership than that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are not instructed and confirmed in the faith, or doubt the presence of Christ and His power in the Sacrament to refrain from attending the Lord's Supper. Please respect our position of love in this matter of pastoral care and speak with the pastor with any questions regarding the Lord's Supper.

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) meet in the Quiet Room

Sunday School classes for ages three-sixth grade

Confirmation Instruction (grades 7-8) led by Pastor Patterson Sr. High Youth in the Youth Room

Financial Peace University led by Phil and Crista Burbrink meets in the Conference Room

Adult Bible Study *Families in the Bible* led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

Acolytes: 8 AM Julia Burbrink

10:45 AM Ellie Glick

Church Calendar

Today

8:00 AM Divine Service

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

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

12:30 PM Jr. Handchimes

1:15 PM Jr. Handbells

1:45 PM Choristers

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour on WYGS

Monday-Friday National Lutheran Schools Week

Monday

ECM Open Registration Begins

11:00 AM Small Group Handbells

Tuesday

6:30 PM Girl Scouts

Wednesday

8:20 AM Kindergarten and Doves Chapel

9:00 AM Bible Study

6:00 PM Bible Study

6:00 PM Sr. Handbells

7:00 PM Sr. Choir

7:30 PM Moms in the Word (child-free)

Thursday

8:20 AM Lambs Chapel

3:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit

Saturday

Church Reserved

Sunday

8:00 AM Divine Service

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Divine Service English and Spanish; ECM Children Sing

Noon Lunch and KfC Event

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

12:15 PM Youth Confirmation

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour on WYGS

TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY... is sponsored to the glory of God by Jim and Nora Cleary in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST... We rejoice as Easton James Umphress, son of Connor and Madison, is baptized at the 10:45 AM service this morning. Sponsors are Austin and Macy Hogan. May God bless and keep Easton in the faith all his days.

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS... are available on the front table in the gathering space.

IN OUR PRAYERS... Divine Calls: Pastor and Deaconess Fickenscher to our congregation and Pr. Fickenscher to St. Paul, Thorp and St. John, Withee, Wisconsin; **Sick and Recovering:** Carol Probst, Joanne Kirby, Gene Wint, Bruce Pollert, Marianne Arnholt, Gloria Schultz, Scott Strietelmeier, Taffy Schroer, Lucy Nolting, Karen Kruger, Paul Meier, Elizabeth Scheidt, Kay Newton, Kathy Hoover, Dolores Eggersman (Dorothy Hischke's sister), Evelyn Sapper (Nora Cleary's sister), Barb Wiltsey (James Wiltsey's mother), Rosalia Reyes (Salustia Rendon's sister), Rosa Rodriguez (Salustia Rendon's sister-in-law), Maria Ronzon (Carmen Gaytan's daughter), Nicole Beeker (Mike and Wilma Yeley's granddaughter), Gerald, Nancy, and Denise Maslowski (Sariina Kalli's parents and sister), Greg Wallace (Levi's Fischer's cousin), Larry Stahl (Newton's friend), Susan Amich (Scott Strietelmeier's friend), Matthew Cleveland (Wendy Johnson's friend), Mark Hotz (Jim and Cheryal Hinds' nephew), Noah LaSpina (Renee Strietelmeier's friend), Jean Jack (White Creek Teacher), Charles Oliver (Corbin Oliver's grandfather), Lewis Pollert (Bruce Pollert's brother), Jim and Jeannie Baute (Jeff Booher's uncle and aunt), Angela Quincey (Mark Owens' daughter), Brian Purdue (Jane Morris' son), Steve Norman (Yeley's friend), Jan Johnson (Bridges' friend), Chris Sichtung (Jon Scheidt's mother-in-law), Mark Bense (Spurling's friend), Arlene Kruger (Kruger's sister-in-law), Bruce Glick (Tim's father), Ken Claycamp (Darcy Roxbury's father), Steve Wessel (Kirby's friend), Patsy Lewis (Matthew Lewis' mother), Carol Zimmerman (John and Gail Jones' niece), Fran Sapper (Cleary's friend), Paul Ketner (Julia Bense's friend), Julie Phillips (Bonnie Nolting's sister), and Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend); **Active Military:** Noah Hoeltke and Garrett Pevlor.

175th ANNIVERSARY... Memory and History Books are available in the gathering space for a suggested donation of \$10.

SUNDAY LUNCHESES... Please consider signing up to serve lunch on Sunday. The sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space. Here are the upcoming menus:

Today—Pizza and applesauce

January 29—Taco Bar

February 5—Tamales, rice, beans, salad

February 12—Meatball subs, carrots, grapes

ECM REGISTRATION... Open enrollment begins **tomorrow**. Please promote our superb school to your family and friends. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Director Jennifer Probst.

MOMS IN THE WORD... Join other moms for a child-free event **this Wednesday, January 25th** at 7:30 PM. For more information, please contact Mackenzie Wint or Andrea Cotton.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK... is **this week**. The theme is ***Making Disciples for Life***. This will be our theme for our chapel services **this Wednesday and Thursday** beginning at 8:20 AM both days. This will also be our theme for worship **next Sunday**. The ECM children will sing at the 10:45 AM service and are invited to the KfC Event (see announcement below). Since the ECM children are singing at the 10:45 AM service, Communion will be offered following the late service next Sunday.

KIDS FOR CHRIST... Join us as we conclude National Lutheran Schools Week with our KfC event **next Sunday** from noon-1:15 PM. Children (fifth grade and younger) and their parents are invited to enjoy a taco bar lunch following second service. After lunch, there will be devotions and activities including a scavenger hunt at the church (older children) and at the education building (younger children and parents). Please RSVP **this Wednesday** to Rachel Fohne by email molting@indiana.edu or at 812-343-3786.

HISTORICAL DISPLAY... As a part of the 175th celebration we will have a display of historical items connected to St. Paul Lutheran Church in the fellowship room on **February 5th and 12th**. If you have something you would be willing to share with us for this display it would be much appreciated. We are looking for old books (Bibles, Catechisms, Hymnals), pictures of the church or school, wedding certificates, photos in the old church, baptismal gowns, letters, uniforms, etc. that have a connection to St. Paul. We would especially like to have photos of confirmation classes, past and recent. Items can be given to Marybeth Glick in January. Please write a description on a notecard to share with the item. If you have further questions, contact Marybeth at 812-371-6254.

8th GRADE CONFIRMAND AND PARENT MEETING... On **Sunday, February 5th**, at the conclusion of the 1:15 PM class, those being confirmed this year and their parents will meet to discuss preparations for Confession of Faith Sunday (April 16) and Confirmation Sunday (April 23).

LWML INFORMATION TABLE... Stop by the LWML table in the gathering space and learn more about our mission and outreach opportunities, get info on the upcoming Zone Rally and National Convention, and meet some of our current members. If you are 18 years old or older, we encourage you to join us in "willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us" or call Sariina Kalli at 218-451-1026.

CAMP LAKEVIEW REGISTRATION...The Pre-Registration window is **February 1st-Friday, February 3rd**. All campers who sign up during this time will be waitlisted and placed into a pool to be sorted according to their listed session choices and preferences regarding siblings and friends coming to camp together. Once your camper has been sorted by camp staff you will receive an email notifying you of their registration. Normal registration will open on **February 8th at 9 AM**, once all the campers who signed up early are sorted into a session. This is also when registration will open for **Family Sessions** and **Weekend Retreats**. For registration, further information, and questions, go to: lakeview.camp/registration

Junior Staff: High schoolers are invited to serve as Junior Staff this summer. For more information or to apply visit lakeview.camp/juniorstaff.

WHITE CREEK LUTHERAN SCHOOL BENEFIT DINNER... White Creek Lutheran School invites you to a GOOD TIME and a GREAT CAUSE at their First Annual Benefit Dinner on **Friday, February 3rd** from 7-10 PM at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds! It's going to be a great party with live music, food and drinks -- all in support of this wonderful school and the foundational faith development of its students. Seats are \$35/person or a table of 8 for \$250. To purchase tickets: Call the office at 812-342-6832 or visit the site: <https://white-creek-lutheran-school.square.site/>

TLHS DINNER AUCTION... Preparations for the 20th annual Trinity Lutheran High School Dinner Auction are in full swing! This year's event is **Saturday, February 25th**, at TLHS. The auction steering committee is currently seeking donations of items such as desserts, one-of-a-kind items, event tickets, memorabilia, handcrafted items, experiences, gift cards/gift certificates, and more for our live and silent

auctions. For more information or to donate items contact Erin Brooks at ebrooks@trinitycougars.org or 812-524-8547.

JUST FRIENDS COLLECTION... Just Friends Adult Daycare Program is hosting their "Stock the Box" Campaign through January. A box is in the gathering space for donations such as various food items, cleaning products, and craft supplies to help defray costs. Gift cards from Walmart, Amazon, etc. are also appreciated. You can see a full listing of needed items posted on the bulletin board. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Jan Oviatt at 218-349-1105.

ADDRESSES NEEDED... Beginning in February, we will be recognizing confirmation classes by decade on one Sunday every month as part of our 175th anniversary celebration. We will begin on February 19th with those confirmed in 1959 and earlier. If you have the address(es) of those confirmed at St. Paul but are no longer members, please give them to Jackie Arnholt (secretary@stpaulcolumbus.org).

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY BECOMES LIFE MONTH... For the past 49 years we have observed the Sunday closest to January 22nd as Sanctity of Life Sunday. With Roe v. Wade overturned last June, we now will pivot to observing June as Life Month, using the entire month to celebrate God's gift of life, to study God's Word regarding the sanctity of life, and to support organizations that uphold life, including our annual baby bottle campaign for Clarity.

The Response of God's People

Last Sunday, January 15th

Divine Service Attendance: **351**; Communion: **266**

Sunday School Attendance: **172**

Offering: **\$16,236.81**

Needed Weekly: \$14,426

Additional Gifts: \$125 Friends of Clifty Church; \$120 Etta

Faye Forster memorials for early childhood ministry

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ECM Teachers: Anne Wiltsey (kindergarten); Jen Probst and Michelle Schultz (preschool)

ECM Assistants: Gayla Alesandro, Sarah Lewis, Kacey Patterson, Glory Wofford, and Amy Yeley