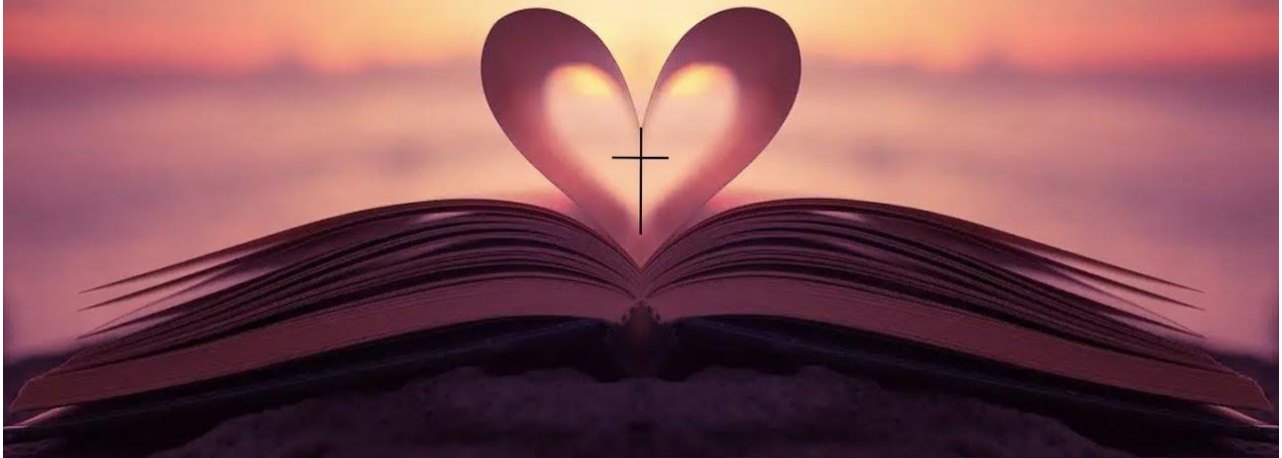
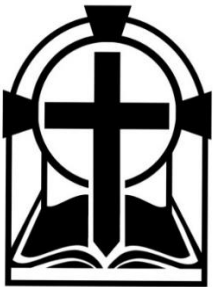


# Speaking the Truth in Love



*Speaking the Truth in Love*  
*Extending Christ's Love* Sermon Series  
Rally Day  
August 4, 2024



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

#### **All children and adults begin in the fellowship room**

First Steps of Faith (Infants and Toddlers with a parent) meets in the nursery

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 Mrs. Probst

*Extending Christ's Love* led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room

### Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Sarah Arnholt

10:45 AM Service Hayley Hauersperger

## Church Calendar

Today

### Rally Day

Mite Box Sunday

### 8:00 AM Divine Service

ECM Staff Installation

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Faith Milestones

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

### 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish

Noon Lunch

Noon All Youth Groups Meet

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

12:30 PM Parent Meeting—Sanctuary

1:15 PM Kona Shaved Ice Truck

1:30 PM National Youth Gathering

Informational Meeting—Music Room

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Monday

6:30 PM ECM Parent Meeting

7:00 PM Finance and Grants Committee Meeting

Tuesday

First Day of Kindergarten

8:20 AM Chapel

10-Noon Orphan Grain Train Work Day

Wednesday

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

Friday-Saturday Confirmation Retreat—Lakeview Villages

Friday

6:00 PM Euchre Night

Saturday

Noon-4 PM Church Reserved

Next Sunday

Harvest Mission Sunday

*Sign-up Deadline for August 17<sup>th</sup> Meal*

### 8:00 AM Divine Service

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

### 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

4:00 PM Abbigale Humbel Bridal Shower

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

# Rally Day 2024

*Little Prelude and Fugue in C—J. S. Bach*

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the Record of Fellowship*

## Ringling of the Bell

## Opening Hymn

*please stand and sing*

**From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise; Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!** (LSB 816:1)

## Confession of Sins

**II** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**P** Amen.

**II** Let us pray. Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

**P** Amen.

**II** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**P** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**II** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

**P** Amen.



## Kyrie

**II** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**P** Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Hymn of Praise

*all sing*

**Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!** (LSB 816:2)

## Salutation and Collect for the Day

**II** The Lord be with you.

**P** And also with you.

**II** Let us pray. Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**P** Amen.

*please be seated*

## Old Testament Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because He has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against Him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your grumbling.'" And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

[Paul writes:] I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men."

(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse of the Day

*please stand and speak together*

**P** Alleluia! Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ. Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading

John 6:22-35

**II** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the sixth chapter.

**P** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but that His disciples had gone away alone. Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on Him God the Father has set His seal." Then they said to Him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent." So they said to him, "Then what sign do You do, that we may see and believe You? What work do You perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to Him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles Creed

*confessed together*

**P** **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*please be seated*

## Little Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

**Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, And Christ shall give you light;  
So learn His love, its length and breadth, Its fullness, depth, and height.**

**To us on earth He came to bring From sin and fear release,  
To give the Spirit's unity, The very bond of peace.**

**There is one body and one hope, One Spirit and one call,  
One Lord, one faith, and one baptism, One Father of us all.**

**Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who died that He might save.  
With kind and gentle hearts forgive As God in Christ forgave.**

**For us Christ lived, for us He died, And conquered in the strife;  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.** (LSB 697)

**Installation of Early Childhood Ministry Staff** 8 AM Service**Our Commitment to Christian Education****Installation of Sunday School Staff**

**P** Would our Sunday School teachers and helpers, please stand. We are one family, who walk in love, as we are fed and nourished together through God's Word. Will you, as the baptized people of God, be faithful to God and His Word, support the Office of the Holy Ministry and the role of Christian parents especially in this congregation? Will you instruct your students in the truths of God's holy Word faithfully and diligently so that they may continue to walk in love, as Christ loves us and gave Himself up for us? If so, then answer, "Yes, I will, as God helps me."

**Teachers and Helpers: Yes, I will, as God helps me.**

**P** I place you as teachers and helpers for St. Paul Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Teachers and helpers remain standing.*

**Commitment of the Students**

**P** Would all the students please stand. As we hear God's Word, we receive Jesus, the Bread of Life, and we are strengthened in the one true faith and empowered to extend Christ's love to others. Do each of you promise to be faithful to God, learn His Word and grow in the faith? Will you listen to your parents and teachers and take to heart what they say? Will you do your best to lead the kind of life that pleases God and encourage others to do the same? If so, then answer, "Yes, I will, as God helps me."

**Students: Yes, I will, as God helps me.**

**P** God strengthen you in your promise. *The students remain standing.*

**Commitment of God's People***please stand*

**P** God has gathered us together in love as the body of Christ in this place. Through His Word, He strengthens our unity so that we speak the truth in love and extend Christ's love to others. Will you each, then, be faithful to God and His Word, seeking opportunities to hear, read, mark, learn, and take to heart His message for you? Will you support our early childhood ministry and Sunday School staff and students with encouragement and prayer? If so, then answer, "Yes, I will, as God helps me."

**Yes, I will as God helps me.**

**P** Let us pray.... *Prayers are offered for Christian education, for the Church, and for those in need.*

**Offering****Hymn 588****Service of the Sacrament***please stand* pages 208-210**Distribution****Hymns: 861, 864, 865, 866, 867, 768**

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

**Closing Liturgy***please stand* pages 211-212**Closing Hymn***all sing*

**All praise to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son to Thee. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!** (LSB 816:3)

**Postlude***Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing—K. Kosche*

# Speaking the Truth in Love

## Ephesians 4:1-16

To truly love someone is to care about them enough to speak the truth to them.

Truth and love go together: Christ's love is not extended if we refuse to speak the truth about Christ our Savior to others. Christ's love is not extended if love is not our motivation for speaking the truth.

Speaking the truth in love keeps us united as one—one family, one body of Christ.

Speaking the truth in love keeps us from being led astray by false teaching.

When we speak the truth in love, we grow together as the body of Christ.

**Next Sunday's Readings** 1 Kings 19:1-8; Ephesians 4:17-5:2; John 6:35-51

Next Sunday we continue our sermon series on Ephesians with the theme: **Walking in Love**

**LIVING THE SERMON...** God calls us to extend Christ's love by speaking the truth in love. Consider how you can live out this calling to speak this truth in love with your family, your children, your friends, coworkers, classmates, and neighbors. Make it a priority to hear the true word of God in the Divine Service, Sunday School, Bible study, and daily devotions so that you can speak the truth in love to others.

**PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH...** Give thanks to God for the truth of His holy Word! Pray that as a church we would remain united in the truth, gladly and eagerly learn the Scriptures, and faithfully speak the truth in love to others. Pray that through our Christian education ministries and early childhood ministry, many opportunities would be given to speak the truth in love to young and old. Pray that God would bless our endeavors to speak the truth to even more people through our Christian Education Center.

**MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK...** *Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.* Ephesians 5:2

## Join us for Our Rally Day Celebration!

**9:30 AM** Rally Day Opening in the fellowship room. Faith Milestones Presentation. Extending Christ's Love devotion and activity, followed by Sunday School classes for children, youth, and adults

**Noon** Young and old are invited to enjoy a hotdog lunch

**12:30-1:15 PM** All youth groups meet for games and activities

**12:30 PM** Parent meeting in the sanctuary (parents of children and youth of all ages) as we discuss long-range planning for youth ministry

**1:15 PM** The Kona Ice Truck will be onsite for tasty treats

**1:30 PM** (approximately) National Youth Gathering Information Meeting for all incoming 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents in the music room



# Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord

Our adult and youth choirs resume rehearsals this month. We invite all to join us. For more information on our choirs and music ministry, please contact Kanor Mau.

**Sr. Handbells** rehearse Wednesdays at 6 PM beginning August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Sr. Choir** rehearses Wednesdays at 7 PM beginning August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Small Group Handbells** rehearse Mondays at 11 AM beginning August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Jr. Choir and Children's Choir** rehearse during the Sunday School hour.

**Jr. Handchimes** rehearse Sundays at 12:30 PM beginning August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Jr. Handbells** rehearse Sundays at 1:15 PM beginning August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Choristers** rehearse Sundays at 1:45 PM beginning August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Back to Choir Bash:** Senior choir members and anyone interested in joining choir are invited. Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 PM at the Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum (adjacent to local airport). Barbeque, pitch-in and time to tour the museum. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship. Call Kris Taylor (812-350-0946) to RSVP or if you have questions.



## Extending Christ's Love

### Creating Space and Place for Christian Education

On this Rally Day, we celebrate God's Word and the many opportunities to gather as the family of God to learn and grow together in the Word so that we can speak the truth in love to others.

God has richly blessed our congregation with many families who are committed to giving their children a firm faith foundation by bringing their children to church and Sunday School. Our Sunday School attendance has more than doubled since 2005. 24% of our congregation's total membership is 18 years old or younger.

According to our Synod's Department of Statistics, the median age in LCMS congregations is 56 years old. The median age in our congregation is 35 years old. To God be the glory!

When we built the church, our current Sunday School classrooms were designed to be offices. Our Sunday School classrooms were to be a *temporary* location until we could complete our Thirty-Year Master Plan and construct the Christian Education Center.

The reality is that the time has come for larger Sunday School classrooms! It's not a case of "If you build it, they will come." Instead, the children are already coming and learning God's Word!

The Christian Education Center will provide Sunday School classrooms nearly three times the size of our current rooms. There will be even larger classrooms for confirmation instruction and the Sr. High youth class. A larger nursery will create much-needed space for our First Steps of Faith class.

In addition to the fellowship room, there will be two additional rooms available for adult Bible studies—the conference room (current confirmation room) and the Great Hall.

The Christian Education Center is precisely that—the space and place for all ages to learn God's Word, grow in the faith, and be empowered and equipped in word and deed to extend Christ's love to others. Please continue to pray for our Extending Christ's Love campaign. Please also pray for God's wisdom and guidance as you consider your support for Extending Christ's Love.





## Mark your calendars for these important dates!

### Saturday, August 17—Commitment Service of Thanksgiving and Celebratory Meal

At 5 PM, we will gather for a thirty-minute service of praise and thanksgiving where the pledges that have been offered will be dedicated to the Lord. Following the service, we will enjoy a meal together. The menu is a variety of Italian casseroles, garlic bread, green salad and toppings, applesauce, cottage cheese, desserts, and drinks. At the conclusion of the meal, the total amount pledged to that point will be announced.

**RSVP for the meal:** Please sign-up for the meal by **next Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** in the gathering space or on the church website: [stpaulcolumbus.org](http://stpaulcolumbus.org).

### Sunday, August 18—Celebration Sunday

Our Extending Christ's Love celebration continues at our Sunday services on August 18<sup>th</sup> and with an extended fellowship hour.

## Coming Next Sunday...Tabitha's Boutique

Tabitha Hall, eighth grade daughter of Adam and Kristy, will be offering an assortment of girls dresses, from casual to fluffy, between services in the gathering space beginning **next Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**. Suggested donations of \$5 per item will go toward Extending Christ's Love Fund.

We are so grateful that Tabitha is willing to offer dresses she has outgrown to support Extending Christ's Love. What "treasures" do you have that you could use for mission and ministry?



## Other Fundraisers are in the works

Watch upcoming bulletins and newsletters for additional fundraisers to benefit Extending Christ's Love. Ideas that are in the planning stages include rummage sales, auctions, bake sales, and fundraising meals. For our Growing with Christ's Love campaign for the construction of the new church, over \$20,000 was raised through fundraisers. We are hoping we can exceed this amount during the next five years of our Extending Christ's Love campaign. If you have an idea for a fundraiser, please contact Finance Chair Phil Burbrink.

## Testimonials

During the coming weeks, our brothers and sisters in Christ will be sharing their reasons for supporting Extending Christ's Love.

**Lou Anne and Doug Denny:** *We joined St. Paul a little over two years ago after meeting with Pastor Bauman. We were looking to transfer from our LCMS church home and felt that St. Paul was the best fit for us. We have not been disappointed! St. Paul is such a vibrant, friendly and growing church going about doing God's work and we are so blessed to be a part of it.*

*I love the Wednesday evening Bible Study and am so thankful to have such knowledgeable Pastors teach me so much about the Bible. And, I am currently a member of the Finance Committee for our building campaign, "Extending Christ's Love", and I am really enjoying the other members on the committee. It is meaningful to me to work alongside others who have God's goals in focus and are working to make them happen here. We are looking forward to seeing the many blessings that "Extending Christ's Love" will bring to our entire congregation!*

*We had no idea when we joined St. Paul's two years ago, that I would be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. God definitely placed us here during this difficult time. We have received so much love, support, prayers, cards, concern and offers to help that we are blessed to be where God's love is evident in everything that takes place here. Thanks for being such a wonderful blessing to our family. Our relationship with God is growing here!*

**Preschool Teacher Michelle Schultz:** *My first experience with St. Paul was in 2018 when I began working there as an aid for Mrs. Probst's class. I was pleasantly surprised at how much Jesus was taught at St. Paul. Every year, the numbers grow. Parents love knowing that their children are learning in such a God loving school. I started teaching two years ago and I am enjoying it immensely. I think the Christian Education Center will be so much easier to teach my students with bathrooms inside of the classrooms, much more room, etc. It will be much easier to take the children to chapel too. The Christian Education Center will be a tremendous blessing to the ECM by being able to have more room for more classrooms, more hallway space, a safer playground area, and much more. With a larger building, we can serve more children and always continue to teach little ones about Jesus.*

**Kacey Patterson:** *I will never forget the day that Chris Behmlander handed me the St. Paul Early Childhood Ministry brochure. She beamed with pride over the program she was a part of and reassured me that it was a great fit for my challenging, young preschooler. I will never forget Jen Probst feeding me positive comments about my child's behavior from his morning at preschool. I will never forget hugging Anne Wiltsey tight with tear filled eyes after kindergarten graduation. After struggling in other school settings, we were reluctant to send my son back into the classroom, but St. Paul ECM turned all of that around for us. We were immediately welcomed into the St. Paul family, making the daily drive back and forth from Seymour worth it. Our son received individual care and a Christ-centered education. He was surrounded by staff who saw the best in him and met his unique needs. With the addition of the Christian Education Center we have the potential to grow our Early Childhood Ministry, which will allow our church to be able to provide positive preschool and kindergarten experiences for other children in our community, like it did for my family. St. Paul Early Childhood Ministry will forever hold a special place in my heart because it allowed my child to succeed.*

### **Prayerfully Consider**

Extending Christ's Love is an ambitious project as we seek to meet the current and future needs of our congregation. As we prepare to offer our pledges in August, prayerfully consider how you can support this endeavor. The pledging period is 5 years and 4 months/277 weeks. A weekly gift for 277 weeks (September 2024-December 2029) can become a significant pledge to help us reach our \$9 million goal.

**Questions?** Please contact Extending Christ's Love Co-chairs: Colin and Linda Scheidt or Dalton and Libby Workman.

## **Concordia Counseling Opening Service and Celebration**

Concordia Counseling, A Lutheran Outreach Ministry, will hold its Opening Service on **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Seymour. The service will mark the official opening of Concordia Counseling, a non-profit ministry that exists to provide compassionate counseling services that are Biblically sound, clinically effective, and financially affordable. Please join us for the installation of Brianna Spray to serve as a full-time school counselor and Rev. Dr. Nicholas Fuller to serve as a full-time outpatient therapist. Deaconess-Elect, Michelle Downey, will be installed as CEO and Clinical supervisor and commissioned as an LCMS Deaconess. A hymn sing will begin at 3:45 PM and the service will begin at 4 PM. There will be a meal following the service and music by "Elements of Jazz." No RSVP required.



**Matching Gift Opportunity:** An anonymous donor has pledged \$50,000 to be matched dollar-for-dollar on all donations to Concordia Counseling now-December 15, 2024. This includes the offering at the Opening Service and Celebration. Donations may be mailed to 504 North Walnut Street, Seymour, Indiana 47274.

**Desserts Needed:** Area congregation have been asked to provide desserts for this celebration. We need volunteers to provide a total of 50 servings of dessert for the meal. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Pastor Bauman, indicating your interest and how many servings your dessert(s) will have.

**IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering:** Sam Behrman, Jessica Kegeris, Jan Sherbundy, Ray Hall, Marvin Boggs, Jesse Gonsior, Becky Nordman, Vern Sullivan, Bob Runge, Kay Newton, Kathy Hoover, Jill Scheidt, Karen Hendershot, Debbie Schroer, Jill Hoeltke, Gloria Schultz, Pam Jenkins, Theresa Gannon (Jim Cleary's sister—knee replacement), Deb Harlan (Mary Scheidt's mother), Annie Walton (Holly Wischmeier's co-worker's daughter), Dale Nowak (Sally Haak's brother-in-law), Beth Schultz (Gloria Schutlz's daughter-in-law), Rena Dillman (Kris' Taylor's friend), Jill Many (Cindy Hendershot's daughter), Dylan Eaken (South Decatur student), Marcell Williams (Bridges' friend's mother), William Leitshuh (Cleary's friend), Julie Phillips (Bonnie Nolting's sister), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), Lisa Benes (Kruger's friend), Kyle Huckaby (Koester's friend), Erica Gretzinger (Jennifer Dougherty's cousin), Naomi Gillespie (Haak's great-niece), Rick Sapper (Cleary's brother-in-law), Lucy Boyd (Hinds' neighbor); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Noah Hoeltke and Michael Mullins (friend of the Sperry's)

**THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH...** are given by Jeff and Mary Booher to the glory of God in thanksgiving for their 25 years of marriage.

**TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY...** is sponsored by Jim and Pam Roth in appreciation and thanksgiving for five years of wonderful marriage.

**SIGN-UP IN THE GATHERING SPACE...**

+ RSVP for the August 17<sup>th</sup> Celebratory Meal by **next Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** by signing up in the gathering space or on the church website ([stpaulcolumbus.org](http://stpaulcolumbus.org))

**ECM PARENT MEETING...** is **tomorrow, August 5<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM in the fellowship room. Childcare is available upon request by contacting Mrs. Probst.

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WORKDAY...** St. Paul serves the OGT by sorting donated items for distribution the first Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in volunteering, come join us **this Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>** from 10 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 of gently used clothing and furnishings are needed and appreciated. Donations can be dropped off

at any time at the trailer located on the east side of the warehouse.

**KINDERGARTEN OPENING CHAPEL...** You are invited to join our kindergartners and their families for opening chapel **this Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>** at 8:20 AM.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES...** **This Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>** we will begin a new term for our Wednesday morning and evening Bible class. The Wednesday morning class which meets at 9 AM will continue their study of the Book of Acts, beginning with Paul's Second Missionary Journey. The evening class which meets at 6 PM will study First, Second, and Third John followed by the book of Hebrews. Childcare is provided during the evening class.

**EUCHRE NIGHT...** Join us for Euchre and Game Night **this Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>** at 6 PM at the church. The freewill offering collected will benefit Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Remember, there will be games other than euchre available, so plan to join us for an evening of games, fun, and food.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT...** is **this Friday-Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** at Lakeview Villages. Dropoff is Friday at 6:30 PM at the Marine Village and pick-up is Saturday at 4 PM.

**JUST FRIENDS OPEN HOUSE...** Just Friends (900 Lindsey Street, Columbus) is hosting an Open House **this Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** from 10 AM-noon. Come enjoy omelets and muffins while learning more about Just Friends!

**WEDDING SHOWER...** The ladies of St. Paul are invited to an afternoon tea bridal shower for Abbigale Humbel, fiancée of Josiah Wofford, **next Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** at 4 PM in the fellowship room. Please RSVP to Glory Wofford at 812-341-0897. Josiah and Abbi will be married at St. Paul on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**HARVEST MISSION...** is every **second and fourth Sunday** of the month through October. This mission allows you to extend Christ's Love in two ways: to share extra produce from your garden with your church family and to share in the bounty of others, and to make a donation for these items if you are so inclined. Donations collected will go to St. Paul's Food Pantry to help pay for milk, eggs, meats, etc. If you have any questions, or would like to help with this mission, please contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142.

**HELP NEEDED...** to set up and clean up before and after the Extending Christ's Love Celebration Meal. Chair and table set up is **Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>** at 4 PM. Clean up will follow the meal on **Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan to serve if you are available.

**NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR PRAYER CHAIN...** Bonnie England's phone number has changed. If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain, please call or text Bonnie at 812-447-7895.

**OUR 2024-2025 ECM SERVANTS...** We welcome two new staff members to our early childhood ministry staff this school year:

Sally Haak will be serving as a preschool teacher assistant on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Sally and Larry attend St. Paul and Sally has previously served as both a teacher and teacher assistant in our early childhood ministry.

Caroline Wilcox will serve as the kindergarten teacher assistant and in extended care. Caroline is a native of Colorado where she served in a preschool for seven years. Caroline and her husband Schuyler recently moved to Columbus.

We also give thanks to God for all those who continue their service in our early childhood ministry: Director and Kindergarten Teacher: Jen Probst; Kindergarten

Teacher: Anne Wiltsey; Preschool Teacher: Michelle Schultz; Teacher and Extended Care Assistants: Gayla Alesandro, Sarah Lewis, Glory Wofford, and Amy Yeley.

**ECM UPDATE...** Thanks for your help in promoting our early childhood ministry! All our preschool classes and STREAM class are full, and we have just a few spots left in kindergarten. Our total enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is 73 students, the most ever! Please pray for our early childhood ministry students, families, and our staff.

**BAKING PANS FOR CASSEROLES...** Thanks to all who signed up to bring an Italian casserole to our celebration supper on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Disposable foil pans are available in the gathering space for you to use.

**THANKS TO...** all who participated in yesterday's Prayer Vigil and for those who served as hosts for the prayer sessions.

## **The Response of God's People**

### **Last Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**

Divine Service Attendance: **332**; Communion: **250**  
Offering: **\$7,020.18** Needed Weekly: \$15,397  
Additional Gifts: \$250 Choir; \$105 Radio Ministry; \$25  
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ECM Assistants: Gayla Alesandro, Sally Haak, Sarah Lewis, Caroline Wilcox, Glory Wofford, Amy Yeley

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