

We give thanks to God
always for you, constantly
mentioning you in our
prayers, remembering
before our God and
Father your work of faith
and labor of love and
steadfastness of hope in
our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

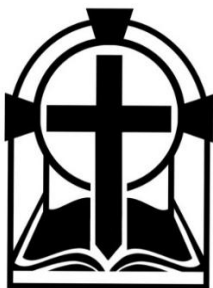


Faith, Hope, Love

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Loyalty Sunday

October 18, 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) meets in the conference room
Sunday School classes for preschool-sixth grade
Confirmation Classes for grades 7-8 led by DCE Probst
SPY Youth Class (grades 9-12) led by Pastor Patterson
Lord, Teach Us to Pray Adult Class led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Trey Price
10:45 AM Service Henry Glick

Church Calendar

Pastor Fickenscher on vacation October 24-28

Today

Loyalty 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

12:45 PM Jr. Handchimes Rehearsal

1:15 PM Jr. Handbells Rehearsal

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Monday-Tuesday District Pastors Meeting

Monday

9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class

10:00 AM Small Group Handbells

1:00-5:00 PM Church Reserved

6:00 PM ECM Board Meeting

Wednesday

9:00 AM Bible Study

10:15 AM Matins Service

2:00 PM Grief Class

6:00 PM Bible Study

6:00 PM Sr. Handbells Rehearsal

7:00 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday

Reformation 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

Noon Board of Youth Meeting

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1:15 PM Jr. Handbells Rehearsal

2:00 PM Guitar Class

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

- + November Newsletter; also online at stpaulcolumbus.org
- + October-December Portals of Prayer
- + New edition of Lutheran Women's Quarterly

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost—Loyalty Sunday

Prelude

Suite in D I. Voluntary
III. Plaint—C. Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringling of the Bell

Choral Call to Worship

What Wondrous Love Is This (Hymn 543 stanzas 1 and 4)—D. von Kampen

Confession of Sins

please stand page 203

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: "I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of My servant Jacob, and Israel My chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know Me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides Me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

[Paul writes:] Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your **work of faith** and **labor of love** and **steadfastness of hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and sing page 205

☞ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

☞ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter. **☞ Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in His words. And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and You do not care about anyone's opinion, for You are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what You think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put Me to the test, you hypocrites? Show Me the coin for the tax." And they brought Him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left Him and went away.

☞ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles Creed

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Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

690

Sermon

Faith, Hope, Love

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Pledge Hymn

781

As the pledge is sung, please bring forward your 2027 pledges and offer them to the Lord. You may bring your hymnal with you and continue singing.

Prayer of Dedication

please stand

☞ Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Reception of New Members 8 AM Service

Steve and Lisa Seckman

Offering

954

Service of the Sacrament

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Distribution

783, 813 stanzas 1-6, 627, 940 *standing for stanza 5*

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

Closing Liturgy

please stand pages 211-212

Closing Hymn

813 stanza 7

Postlude

Suite in D IV. Trumpet Tune—C. Callahan

Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday

Festival Services with special music by Columbus Brass Quintet

Door offering for Aurora Circuit Church Workers Scholarship Fund

Scripture Readings: Revelation 14:6-7; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Faith, Hope, Love—1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul and Silas proclaimed God's Word in Thessalonica for three weeks. What occurred during this time? Why were they forced to leave? For further study, read Acts 17:1-10.

The W_____ of F_____

Like the Thessalonian Christians, the Gospel has come to you in p_____ and in the H_____
S_____ with full conviction.

We are not saved by our w_____, but faith is always w_____.

The L_____ of L_____

We live in f_____ toward G_____ and I_____ toward others.

Our love for others is not our own doing; it is a f_____ of the Spirit.

The S_____ of H_____

By God's grace, we p_____ on for the p_____ even while enduring much affliction.

LIVING THE SERMON... We are building ourselves and others up in the **faith**, reaching out with Christ's **love**, and pressing on for the prize with a sure and certain **hope**. How is your faith, love, and hope? How about your stewarding (managing) of the gifts that God has entrusted to you? Seek forgiveness for where your faith, love, and hope have been lacking and commit yourself on this Loyalty Sunday to abound in faith in Christ, love for others, and the hope of eternal life.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Give thanks for gifts of faith, love, and hope. Pray that God would use our pledges and offerings for the furtherance of His Gospel so that we and others would be built up in the true faith, we might continue to reach out with Christ's love and remain steadfast in the hope of our salvation in Christ.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.* Psalm 46:7, 10

Extending Christ's Love

Be Aware Or Beware??? It's wonderful to see the progress on the Christian Education Center. Thanks to your generosity we have not needed to borrow any money to this point. However, we are approaching the point where we will need to utilize the loan through Lutheran Church Extension Fund. **We want you to be aware (or beware?) of this!** If you are considering accelerating the fulfillment of your Extending Christ's Love pledge, increasing your pledge, or you didn't make a pledge, **now is the time!** Our goal is to delay the need for financing the project as long as possible.

The Catalog of Needed Items gives you the opportunity to support Extending Christ's Love above your pledge. Items can be reserved in honor of or in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special event. You can find the Catalog online (stpaulcolumbus.org) or print copies are in the gathering space. If you have any questions about the Catalog or need assistance reserving items, please contact Phil Burbrink or Rachel Fohne.



Youth Events

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Sunday, November 1st Noon-1:15 PM

Join us for lunch followed by a devotion and activities filled with thankfulness and praise.

C4Life (sixth-eighth grade) and SPY (ninth-twelfth grade)

Friday, November 6th 6 PM — Family Game and Euchre Night

Join us for a night full of games of all kinds, good fellowship, and yummy snacks.

Sunday, November 15th 5 to 7 PM — Fun and Fellowship at the Fohne's

Junior and Senior High youth are invited to hang out at the Fohne's house (9611 South 450 East, Elizabethtown). We will have delicious food and smores. See if you can beat Mrs. Fohne at a game of knockout. Other activity selections will be available as we spend time together. Friends are always welcome!

Sunday, November 29th Noon-2 PM—Gingerbread Dough Making

Join us for Zwanzigz pizza followed by making the gingerbread dough from scratch for the gingerbread houses that will be used at Christmas Family Fun Night.

Sign up for the App

Stay up to date with the latest events and updates regarding youth activities. Download the Remind app and enter the following: C4Life@4aef23g (grades 6-8) and SPY@ge9993 (grades 9-12).

Friends are always welcome. For more information, speak to DCE Probst or a youth counselor.



Your Generosity in Action!

SGOs Provide Support for Our School Families

Thanks to your generosity we have utilized **\$95,800** in Scholarship Granting Organization scholarships for the 2026-2027 school year from the St. Paul SGO Fund. Families enrolled in Doves (4-year-old) preschool and kindergarten are eligible to receive these scholarships.

First and most importantly, these scholarships allow families with financial need to attend our school. We never turn a child away because of finances as we want every child to hear God's Word and grow in the faith.

These scholarships also offset our congregation's support for school families. To keep tuition affordable for all our students, we award a \$2,865 St. Paul Scholarship for all Doves students and a \$3,240 St. Paul Scholarship for all kindergarten students. The SGO funds are applied to offset some of the scholarship expenses, reducing the amount of our Sunday offerings needed to fund our school ministry.

These SGO gifts have a huge impact, and we are thankful for everyone who contributed to the St. Paul Lutheran SGO!

We invite you to participate in the Indiana St. Paul Lutheran SGO! Every gift directly supports our school students, **AND** you receive a 50% credit on your Indiana state income tax. For more information on how you can make a difference by supporting our St Paul Lutheran SGO, please see the announcement on the next page or contact Rachel Fohne.

New for 2027: Federal St. Paul Lutheran SGO: The federal government is rolling out a national SGO program. After the first of the year, every taxpayer can contribute up to \$1,700 which will be a 100% tax credit. In other words, you can give any amount up to \$1,700, and you will receive all of it back as a credit on your federal taxes. More information about the federal St. Paul Lutheran SGO program and how to participate will be shared at the Annual Meeting.

We are truly grateful for your support for our early childhood ministry. Over 30% of our school families are unchurched so your generosity is making an eternity impact in the lives of our students and their families.

2027-2028 Early Childhood Ministry Registration

Registration for the 2027-2028 school year is quickly approaching! Registration opens for church member families and families of current students on **Monday, November 9th**. Open registration begins **Monday, November 16th**.

We need your help in promoting our Christ-centered, fully accredited early childhood ministry. When registration begins, please share the informational flyers with family, friends, and neighbors who have preschool and kindergarten-aged children. Director Jen Probst is always willing to provide tours of our school to interested families. Here are some highlights to share about our school to share with others.

- Most importantly, we teach the Word of God to every student every day so that their faith may be firmly founded on Christ, the solid rock!
- We are one of the few fully accredited early learning centers in the area.
- We have low teacher-to-student ratios in our classrooms.
- We offer financial aid, so finances are not an obstacle for any family to attend.
- Kindergarten and STREAM are available at no cost to enrolled families.
- Also, the upcoming school year will be **our first year in the Christian Education Center**, enabling us to serve more students! Children will learn in an age-appropriate space designed for early learners, with a chapel area for Jesus Time and music class, a new playground, and the Great Hall for Minds in Motion, large group activities, and indoor play when the weather is inclement.

Stewarding HIS Gifts

Supporting the Lord's Work

There are multiple ways to give to St. Paul. You can always donate online through the website or use the QR code on the back page of this bulletin. **You can make a one-time donation or schedule weekly or monthly donations that you can adjust or cancel at any time.** Scheduling online donations can help donors stay up to date on general fund and ECL pledges. If you have a question about donating to St. Paul or any of the information below, please reach out to Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786 or rachel.fohne@stpaulcolumbus.org.

Extending Christ's Love Pledges

Now is an excellent time to revisit your Extending Christ's Love pledge! The fulfillment of member pledges is an essential part of our Extending Christ's Love financial plan. If you have forgotten details about your pledge, need an update on how much you have donated, or need to adjust your pledge, please reach out to Rachel Fohne. These details help us with our financial planning. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Multiple Ways to Give with Potential Tax Advantages

Did you know there are strategic, tax advantaged ways to give to St. Paul? 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.

Some employers even offer employee stock purchase plans. If you are enrolled in such a plan, you have the option to donate these appreciated securities directly to St. Paul. Reach out to your employer to see what options are available to you. Also, farmers who donate commodities such as grain directly to the church might be able to receive valuable tax benefits. As always, please consult with your tax advisor about your specific situation.

Donate to our Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization at St. Paul!

Support our SGO fundraising campaign! SGO donations made between June 1, 2026, and May 31, 2027, will support our 2027-2028 school year. A donation to our St. Paul Lutheran SGO directly benefits our Early Childhood Ministry funding our mission and ministry! Donors receive a 50% state income tax **CREDIT!** You can donate stocks, bonds, mutual funds, grain, and livestock to the SGO and receive a 50% tax credit! Please consult your tax advisor for specific tax advice. You can visit www.lutheransgo.org for more information or speak with Rachel Fohne!

2026-2027 St. Paul SGO Fundraising Goal: \$110,000

Amount Raised as of September 30, 2026 \$6,350

IN OUR PRAYERS... Circuit Congregations: Holy Trinity Greensburg and Bethany Connersville as Pastor Aaron West has accepted a call to serve at Redeemer in Sidney, Ohio; **New Members:** Steve and Lisa Seckman; **Sick and Recovering:** Dave Dailey, Sandy Lagneau, Gloria Schultz, Conner Davis, Chris Nolting, Dennis Hoeltke, Barbara Hughes, Arayah Lutz, Marie Tellman, Art Ramsey, Dee Schurman, Jax Branaman, Jennifer Jeffares, Phyllis Fox, Riley Walton, Jill Scheidt, Ursula Köhne (Liesel Murphy's grandmother), Teresa Hart (Claudette Schroer's sister), Bruce Ness (Vicki Howarth's brother), Grant Noblitt (Lucy Nolting's nephew), Andy and Patty Trobaugh (Katrina Smith's friends), Bob McDonald (Wendy Wiederhoeft's father), Ginger Stache (Doreen's daughter-in-law), Mike Sarver (Danny Johnson's friend), Allen Kanouse (Scott and Renee Strietelmeier's friend), Dakota Faith and Chaleece Leckron (Jayne Dornquast's friends), Pastor Jeff Pflug, Grayson Harker (Irene Shireman's friend), Liz Hettig (Evelyn Pence and Don Strietelmeier's niece), Brittany and Skye Spears (Sharon Templeton's relatives), Anthony Jaynes (Toni Howarth's father), Katy Garza (Clearys' niece), Lynn Ramberg, Ty Ramberg, and Deb Larsen (Kallis' friends), Connie Ball, Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friend), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father); **Grieving:** Family of Archie Wilson (Elaine Wilson's father-in-law); **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), Devin Klein (Adam and Kristy Hall's nephew), Garrett Grider and Terry Redelman (Kallis' friends)

WE WELCOME... Steve and Lisa Seckman into our family of faith at the 8 AM service this morning. May God bless them as they worship and serve with us.

SUNDAY LUNCHES...

Today Corn Dogs with Macaroni and Cheese
Next Sunday, October 25th Chicken Sandwiches
November 1st Hotdogs—KfC Day
November 8th Sandwich Bar

CHURCH BUSY BAGS... are available for families with little ones to utilize during the service! The bags are on a coat rack next to the American flag in the gathering space. We hope the items in the bags will enhance the worship experience for those attending who are preschool aged and younger. The bags are tools meant

to keep children engaged yet still able to listen during the service. Please only take one per family. After the service is over return the bag and its contents to the rack.

HARVEST MISSION... All are welcome to bring surplus produce, plants, and flowers to the Harvest Mission table in the gathering space. Anyone can take from this table for a donation to St. Paul's food bank. The last week for Harvest Mission is **next Sunday, October 25th**.

WAYMANSVILLE FISH FRY... St. Peter Waymansville invites you to their annual fish fry **this evening**, serving from 4-7 PM (dine-in, pickup, or carry out). The menu is fish sandwiches, hotdogs, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, chips, pie, and drinks. A freewill donation will be received for new playground equipment.

TLHS WAY. TRUTH. LIFE. DUSTY BOOTS OPEN HOUSE... Thank you to everyone who joined us for our September 27th Dusty Boots Open House. If you missed the first event, join us for a second Dusty Boots Open House **this Wednesday, October 21st** at 6:30 PM. Guests will have the opportunity to walk through the construction, see the vision taking shape, and write their name, a Bible verse, or a prayer on the building beams. We look forward to sharing this exciting chapter in Trinity's history with you!

LUTHERAN MISSION IN ISRAEL PRESENTATION... You are invited to this special presentation by Pastor Sahar Sadlovsky Gold of Tel Aviv, Israel, **this Thursday, October 22nd** at 6:30 PM at Christ Lutheran in Noblesville (10055 East 186th Street, Noblesville). For more information, please contact the church at 317-773-3669.

REFORMATION SUNDAY... is **next Sunday, October 25th**. The theme is "Fortified" based on Psalm 46. The Columbus Brass Quintet will be enriching our services through song.

Door Offering: A door offering will be received on Reformation Sunday to support the Aurora Circuit Church Workers Scholarship Fund (ACCWSF). This endowment supports members from our Aurora Circuit who are preparing for church work vocations. This school year Glory and Providence Wofford and Nathaniel Bauman together received more than \$10,000 in ACCWSF scholarships for the 2026-2027 school year.

INVITATION INSTALLATION... You are invited to the Installation of Pastor Peter Brock as Chaplain of Cedar Lake Lodge **next Sunday, October 25th** at 3 PM at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Louisville, Kentucky (8305 Nottingham Parkway, Louisville). We pray God's blessings upon Pastor Brock as he serves the residents of Cedar Lake Lodge.

GUITAR LESSONS... St. Paul member Chad Dornquist is offering a four-week guitar class for youth and adults on **Sunday afternoons, October 25th-November 15th** at 2 PM. This class is open to anyone ages 13 and older. There is no cost and guitars will be provided for each participant for the classes and for practice at home. In addition, each participant will receive a T-shirt.

The class is limited to five participants. To sign-up or for questions, please contact Chad at 812-343-4719 or chadcols@gmail.com.

FALL BACK... Before heading to bed on **Saturday, October 31st**, set your clocks back one hour as Daylight Savings Time ends.

ALL SAINTS DAY SPECIAL SERVICES... In the Divine Services on **Sunday, November 1st**, we will give thanks to God that He has made us His saints, and we will remember those we know and love who are now with Him forever. Both services will include the commemoration of those from our church family who have entered into glory since the last All Saints Day. A trumpet soloist will be enriching our services with special music.

MISSION GRANT PRESENTATION... At the 8 AM service on **Sunday, November 1st**, Margie Wickert, Vice-President of Gospel Outreach for the Indiana District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, will present the \$12,000 Mite Box Mission Grant that is designated for classroom furnishings in the Christian Education Center. We give thanks to God for the generosity of the LWML and pray for God to bless the continued outreach of our early childhood ministry.

MOMS IN THE WORD... All mothers and their children are invited to attend our monthly Moms in the Word gathering on **Monday, November 2nd** at 10 AM in the fellowship room. Join us for a devotion and fellowship!

OGT WORKDAY... Our OGT Workday is **Tuesday, November 3rd** from 9 AM-noon. If you cannot attend,

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... We are blessed to have faithful volunteers that make Communion wafers. Our next wafer making day is **Wednesday, November 4th** at 10:45 AM in the church kitchen. All are welcome for service and fellowship.

EUCHRE AND GAME NIGHT... is Friday, November 6th at 6 PM at the church. A freewill offering will be collected. We encourage people of all ages to attend this family game night, as euchre is never the only game on hand, and the food and fellowship are amazing. All are welcome!

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION... God continues to bless our congregation with many new members. On **Sunday, November 8th**, at the beginning of Sunday School, we will recognize those who have joined our congregation since May. Please plan to attend and welcome those who have joined our family of faith!

BAKING FOR THE BUILDING AND SILENT AUCTION... Baking for the Building to benefit Extending Christ Love is **Sunday, November 15th**. Please consider baking one or more desserts. Desserts can be dropped off at church on Saturday, November 14th from 2-4 PM or Sunday before first service. Desserts will be available for a freewill donation after either service.

We will also have a Silent Auction which begins on **Sunday, November 22nd** and ends at the annual meeting on **Sunday, November 29th**. We are seeking items for the Silent Auction such as crafts, quilts, themed gift baskets, and whatever creative donations you may have! If you are interested in donating items for the Silent Auction, please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946.

We are so grateful for your prayers and ongoing financial support for Extending Christ's Love.

THRIVENT MEMBERS—WE NEED YOUR HELP...

If you are a Thrivent member, we need your help in fully utilizing your member benefits.

Action Team: Every Thrivent member can sponsor two \$250 action team projects every year. These can be fundraising, educational, or service projects. If you

haven't used one or both of your action team grants for 2026, please contact the church office or Pastor Bauman for a list of possible action team grants.

Choice Dollars: There have been significant changes to the Choice Dollars Program. Please note the following:

- All Thrivent members now have Choice Dollars to designate.
- The amount of Choice Dollars for Thrivent members to designate has increased.
- The deadline to designate Choice Dollars has been moved up three months from March 31, 2027, to December 31, 2026.

If you are a Thrivent member, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars before the end of the year. You can also designate your Choice Dollars by phone at 800-847-4836. When prompted say, "Thrivent Choice" and then press 1.

We thank all our Thrivent members who utilize their benefits to support our mission and ministry.

PRAYER CHAIN... Bonnie England is updating the prayer chain list. We welcome new links in the chain to pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ. If interested, please call Bonnie at 812-447-7895. Praying for others is one way of serving God.

THANKS TO... all who supported the Olive Wood Crafts for Christians in Bethlehem last Sunday.

The Response of God's People

Sunday, October 11th

Divine Service: **309**

Communion: **233**

Sunday School: **134**

Offering

The October 11th offering report will be included in next Sunday's bulletin.



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