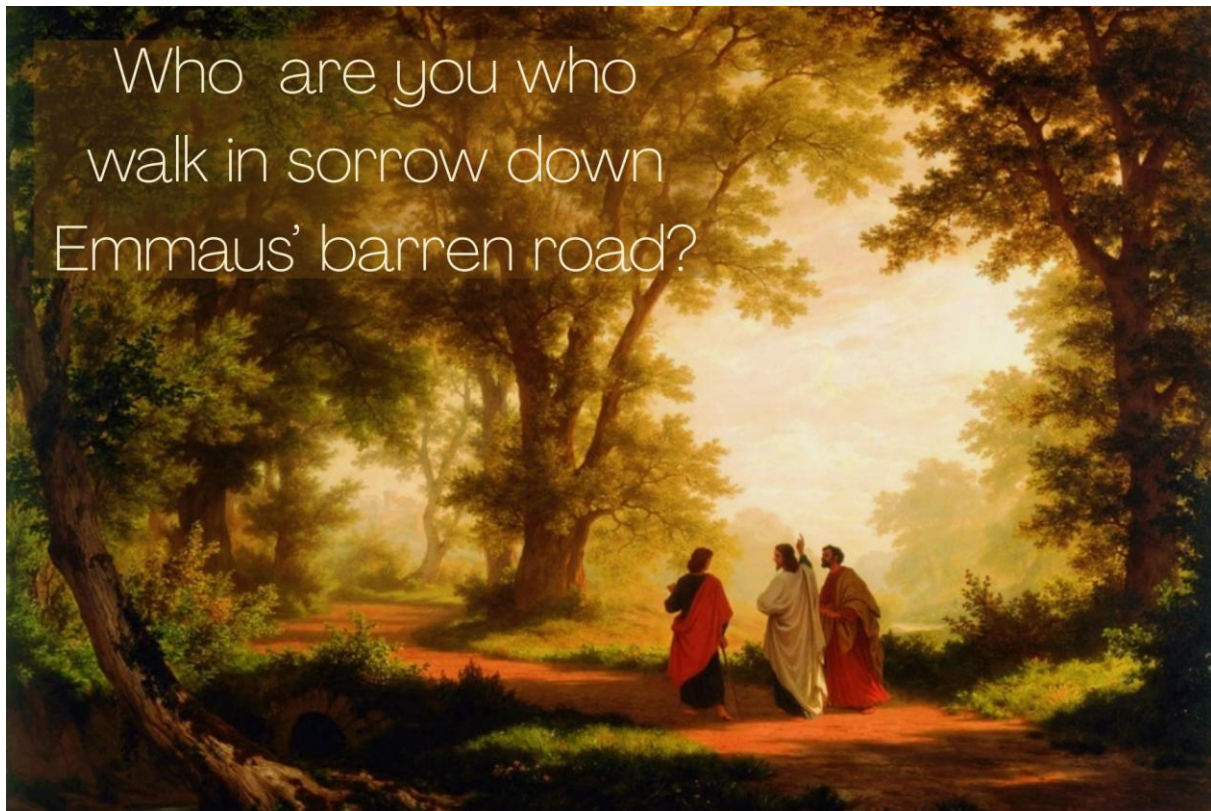


Who are you who
walk in sorrow down
Emmaus' barren road?



The Walk of Sorrow

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 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
Confirmands Reception during the fellowship hour followed by our Confirmands Confession of Faith. The Jr. and Sr. Youth and adults will attend the Confession of Faith this morning.

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Danial Helt
10:45 AM Service William Laws

Church Calendar

Pastor Bauman in Nebraska this week

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| Today | 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 9:10 AM Fellowship/Confirmands Reception 9:30 AM Confirmands Confession of Faith 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish Noon Fundraising Fiesta Lunch Noon-1:15 PM KfC Event 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 12:15 PM 8 th Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM |
| Monday | 9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10:00 AM Small Group Handbells 5:30 PM Girl Scouts |
| 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 |
| Thursday | 5:00-9:00 PM Church Reserved |
| Next Sunday | Good Shepherd Sunday 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Confession of Faith Presentations and Congregational Forum 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Divine Service and Confirmation Service—English and Spanish 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM |

TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY... is sponsored in honor of the baptismal birthdays of Bailey England and Joshua Beck by Linda and Eric Scheidt.

THE MAY NEWSLETTER... is available on the front table in the gathering space or online at stpaulcolumbus.org.

PASTOR BAUMAN IN NEBRASKA... this week visiting family leaving tomorrow and returning on Friday. If you need pastoral care, please contact Pastor Patterson or Pastor Fickenscher.

Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Sr. Handbells: *An Easter Triptych*—J. Behnke

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

10:45 AM Service: New Members—Chad and Jayne Dornquast and Jerry and Brooke Hughes

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn

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Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G *(sung)* **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G *(spoken)* **Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . "Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:17-25

[Peter writes:] If you call on Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and sing

G **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter. **G** *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. And He said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, "Are You the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find His body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see." And He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if He were going farther, but they urged Him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So He went in to stay with them. When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And He vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **G** *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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Hymn of the Day

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Luke 24:13-35

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

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord

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Closing Liturgy

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Closing Hymn

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Postlude

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625—J. S. Bach (Hymn 458)

The Walk of Sorrow — Luke 24:13-35

The Road to Emmaus was a walk of sorrow: a walk of g_____, a walk of d_____, and a walk of d_____ and unbelief.

How are you like these two disciples? How is your earthly life an Emmaus walk?

As Jesus walks with these disciples, He opens the S_____ to them.

Your risen Savior abides with you in His W_____. What gifts does Jesus give to you on your Emmaus walk through His Word?

The eyes of the Emmaus disciples are opened to recognize Jesus through the m_____, the breaking of bread.

How does Jesus abide with you and open your eyes through His Holy Supper? How is the Lord's Supper even greater than the supper at the home of the Emmaus disciples?

Next Sunday's Readings—Good Shepherd Sunday Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

LIVING THE SERMON... Your risen Redeemer abides with you on the road! Rejoice in His abiding presence through His Word and meal. Pray to Him often for your needs and the needs of those you know and love.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Make the prayer of the Emmaus' disciples your own: Abide with us, O risen Lord, abide with us, and with Your whole Church. Abide with us in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world. Abide with us in Your grace and mercy, in holy Word and Sacrament, in Your comfort and Your blessing. Abide with us in the night of distress and fear, in the night of doubt and temptation, in the night of bitter death, when these shall overtake us. Abide with us and with all Your faithful ones, O Lord, in time and in eternity. Amen.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, and to the breaking of bread and the prayers.* Acts 2:42

Youth Events

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Today Lunch and Activities

Children and their friends and parents are invited to join us for lunch at noon and for faith-building activities that conclude at 1:15 PM.

Sunday, May 17th Lunch and Activities

SPY (high schoolers) and C4Life (sixth-eighth grade)

Today and next Sunday, April 26th Confession of Faith Sundays

Youth should plan to attend Confession of Faith during the Sunday School hour to support and encourage our 8th grade confirmands.

Sunday, May 3rd Sauce Making Day

Join us for lunch and making our famous sauce for the taco barn at the county fair. After making the sauce, we'll enjoy games and activities together. Pick-up time is 2 PM. Ground beef will be available **next Sunday, April 26th** to take home and brown to be returned on or before May 3rd.

Friends are always welcome! For more information, contact DCE Jen Probst or a youth counselor.



Extending Christ's Love

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Our risen Savior abides with us through His Word and meal. Jesus is our solid rock, and He will abide with His Word in our Christian Education Center through Spanish worship services, early childhood ministry, and children, youth, and adult classes.



Congregational Forum: Please plan to attend the Congregation Forum on **Sundays, April 26th and May 3rd** during the Sunday School hour to receive updates from our Building and Finance Committees and to ask any questions you may have.

Rummage Sales: We will host two Rummage Sales this summer in the chapel. The first will be **Friday-Saturday, June 12-13**. For this sale, we are seeking donations for furniture, household items, and adult clothes. The second is **Friday-Saturday, July 17-18** and will focus on children's clothes, toys, and furniture. In addition, you are encouraged to host a Rummage Sale at your house with proceeds benefiting Extending Christ's Love. For more information, please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946 or Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786.

Thanks for your generous support of Extending Christ's Love. Please continue to pray for this endeavor and for those who will be blessed through the ministry that will occur in the Christian Education Center.

Stewarding HIS Gifts

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.** If you have a question about donating to St. Paul or any information below, please reach out to Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786 or rachel.fohne@stpaulcolumbus.org.

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 about your specific situation.

Financial Updates-New!

Beginning in the 2026 tax year, the government reinstated a universal charitable deduction, allowing non-itemizers to deduct cash donations to qualifying charities like St. Paul. Taxpayers can deduct up to \$1,000 for single filers or \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly, offering a tax benefit to the ~90% of households taking the standard deduction. Please consider taking advantage of this deduction by donating to St. Paul! As always please consult your tax advisor about your specific situation.

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!

St. Paul Lutheran SGO Donations Exceed \$100,000!

Thanks to your generosity, more than \$100,000 has been contributed to our early childhood ministry through the St. Paul Lutheran **S**cholarship **G**ranting **O**rganization. These gifts fund our mission and ministry as well as provide scholarships for families with financial need. Please consider donating to our SGO to receive a 50% state income tax **CREDIT!** You can donate stocks, bonds, and mutual funds 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!

2025-2026 St. Paul SGO Fundraising Goal: \$135,000 **Amount Raised as of March 31, 2026:** \$100,953

IN OUR PRAYERS... New Members: Chad and Jayne Dornquast, Jerry and Brooke Hughes; **Sick and Recovering:** Sharon Cline, Pam Roth, Bonnie Darlage, Marie Tellman, Phyllis Fox, Julia Bense, Doug Essex, Doug Brown, Riley Walton, Gloria Schultz, Joan Wilcox, Gerald Helt, Jill Scheidt, Bob and Marilyn Runge, Willard Abel (Barbara Hughes' brother-in-law), Amber Owens (ECM grandmother), Gloria Olness and Evelyn Sapper (Nora Cleary's sisters), Denise Covert (Melissa Pevlor's friend), Dakota Faith (Jayne Dornquast's relative), Dawn Seifer (Ethan's mother), Lisa McGaha (Don and Debbie Schroer's friend), Al and Pat Abrams (Pam Roth's brother and sister-in-law), Evan Dunn (Oliver's friend), 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), Connie Ball, Lisa Williams (Ann Linke's niece/Jordan Patterson's aunt), Pastor Craig Wulf and Jesse Lopez (John and Gail Jones' friends), Mary Putz (Anne Wiltsey's mother), Curt Carothers, Marcia Carson and Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friends), Jami Maher (Joanne Kirby's niece), Bob McDonald (Wendy Wiederhoeft's father), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father), William Leitshuh (Clearys' friend), Marilyn Gifford (Hinds' friend); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Bryce Cleary (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)

WE WELCOME... Chad and Jayne Dornquast and Jerry and Brooke Hughes into our family of faith at the 10:45 AM service. May God richly bless them as they receive the gifts of our risen Savior as He abides with us in His Word and meal.

CONFESSION OF FAITH AND CONFIRMATION SUNDAY... Join us **this morning** for fellowship hour to recognize our confirmands. During Sunday School, our confirmands will offer their Confession of Faith answering questions concerning the main teachings of the Scriptures. **Next Sunday, April 26th**, they will give their Confession of Faith presentations during the Sunday School hour. During the 10:45 AM service, they will be confirmed and receive their first Communion.

Please pray for our confirmands that they will always abide in the confession of the true and saving faith.

FUNDRAISING FIESTA FOR MEMBERS IN NEED...

Lunch will be served after the 10:45 AM service **today** to support Noel and Mercedes and their family, one of our Latino families. Traditional Nicaraguan cuisine will be served along with hotdogs and other familiar fare. A freewill offering will be collected. Please contact Pastor Fickenschler if you have any questions or if you would like to contribute even if you can't attend the meal. Checks can be made out to St. Paul with Noel Lopez in the memo line.

CONGREGATIONAL FORUMS... God is at work here at St. Paul, and we want *everyone* to be informed of all the great things going on. Please join us for Congregational Forums **next Sunday, April 26th and Sunday, May 3rd** during the Sunday School hour. The Forum will begin next week, April 26th after the Confession of Faith presentations and continue the entire Sunday School hour on May 3rd. Come and receive updates regarding our Latino outreach, early childhood ministry, youth ministry, Christian education, and music ministry. The Building and Finance Committees will offer reports as well as a discussion regarding the pastoral vacancy in Faith, Madison that begins May 1st and the synodical convention this summer. Plan to attend to learn and ask questions.

ECM CARNIVAL... The Early Childhood Ministry Board invites you to our Hawaiian themed CARNival on **Saturday, May 2nd** from 2-4 PM. Activities include baby goats, inflatables, cake walk, food, games, and prizes. This is a community event so please plan to attend and invite others!

EUCHRE AND GAME NIGHT... You are invited to Euchre and Game Night on **Friday, May 8th** beginning at 6 PM. Attendees can bring a food item to share. Please plan to attend and invite others to an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

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. Please contact Director Jen Probst (812-376-6504; director@stpaulcolumbus.org) for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE...

Ground Beef for Sauce Making Day: Next Sunday, April 26th ground beef will be available to take home, brown, and return on or before May 3rd.

VBS Craft Donations and Helpers: Shoeboxes and empty toilet paper rolls are needed for VBS crafts. Donations can be placed in the box in the gathering space. If you are interested in helping with crafts, please contact Vicki Howarth, 812-343-6967 via text or call; or email at dvhowarth@comcast.net.

Small Group Bible Study Leaders: If you are interested in hosting a small group, please contact Crista Burbrink, Chad Fohne, Sarah Lewis, or Jen Probst.

Summer Sunday School: Volunteers are needed to teach during Summer Sunday School May 24th-August 2nd. Please sign up in the gathering space.

TRINITY TEACHERS RETIREMENT CELEBRATION...

Mrs. Jackie Stuckwisch and Mr. Bryan Schroer are retiring after years of dedicated and faithful service to Trinity Lutheran High School! As we celebrate the lasting impact they have made on our students and school community, we invite you to help us honor them by sharing your well wishes through a card shower.

Students, families, faculty, alumni, and friends of Trinity are encouraged to send notes of gratitude, encouragement, and memories to Mrs. Stuckwisch and

Mr. Schroer. Cards will be collected through the end of the school year and presented during the closing chapel service on Friday, May 22nd. You may mail them to the school or drop them off in the office.

Join us in giving thanks for their service and celebrating all they have meant to Trinity. Well done, good and faithful servants! Cards may be mailed to: Trinity Lutheran High School, c/o Mrs. Stuckwisch or Mr. Schroer, 1 Trinity Way, Seymour, Indiana 47274

The Response of God's People

Sunday, April 12th

Divine Service: **346**

Communion: **271**

Sunday School: **141**

Offering

General Fund: \$9,874.86

Weekly Need: \$17,721

Extending Christ's Love: \$4,779 including \$924 Thrivent Choice

Helping Hands: \$8,780 from Newkirk Distribution

Radio Ministry: \$125

Food Pantry: \$40 ECM Offering



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Reaching out with Christ's Love to Serve and Grow