

St. Paul Epistle

The Monthly Newsletter of St. Paul Lutheran Church

October 2026

For the Fruits of His Creation and the Spirit

For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God.

For His gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God.

*For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe keeping, Thanks be to God. (LSB 894:1)*

As I write this article, harvest is beginning. After a few weeks of unseasonably hot weather, the time has come for the crops to be gathered in. God does provide daily bread for us and for all people. From little seeds, God brings about miraculous growth to provide food for us and for all that He has made.

To confess that God is our creator is not only to believe that God has made us, but also to trust that He will provide for us and for all He has made. He makes the earth fruitful. He gives us all that we need for this body and life. Often, He gives us more than we need so that we can help our neighbors in their time of need.

God is good. The Lord provides. Every field testifies to this reality. However, our Lord not only makes the earth fruitful, He makes *you* fruitful. He has given you His Spirit, when you were dead in your trespasses and sins, when the soil of your heart was hard and rocky and thorny. The Spirit has transformed your heart into good and fertile soil where the Gospel seed has taken root and grown. Through the Spirit's power, you now bear fruit. Not your own fruit, but the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. It is as we sing in the hymn:

For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us.

Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God. (894:3)

Our theme for this year *God Is Our Designer and Builder* confesses this reality. God is our Designer. He is our creator. He has designed us to live faithfully and fruitfully in this life, and He has designed us for eternity. To carry out His divine plan, He sent His Son Jesus to die to give us life. By the Spirit's work through the Word, we are living and growing branches, connected to Christ the true vine, being built up in faith toward God and producing good and abundant fruit that serves others.

In the coming weeks, we have ample opportunities to celebrate both the God-given fruits of creation and the fruit of the Spirit.

- At Harvest Fest, we will gather together as a church family to enjoy fellowship with one another and to raise our voices in songs of praise to the Lord of Harvest.
- Our early childhood ministry students are learning and singing about creation, culminating in the October chapel services on October 6th and 7th. You are invited to join our school children and their families in worship.
- In the coming weeks, we have the opportunity to reflect on how God has blessed us beyond measure with both earthly and eternal gifts, and to respond to these gifts as we offer our pledges for 2027 on Loyalty Sunday, October 18th.
- On Reformation Sunday, October 25th, we will celebrate the "truths that still confound us" and that "love has found us." Our gracious God provides for all our needs of this body and life, and He is designing and building us for eternity by His free gifts of faith and forgiveness, life and salvation, without any merit or worthiness in us.

I pray that you will give thanks to the Lord of Harvest for the fruit of the fields *and* the fruit of the Spirit. I also pray that you will continue to desire the Spirit's help to bear good fruit—abounding in generosity as we carry out the kingdom work that the Lord has entrusted to us here at St. Paul and abounding in good works as we extend Christ's love to others in word and deed.

In Christ's Love to ~~Extend~~ Christ's Love,

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Sunday Schedule

8 AM Divine Service
9 AM Radio Worship Service/91.1 FM
9:10 AM Fellowship
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Divine Service
English and Spanish
12:15 PM Spanish Sunday School
7 PM Lutheran Hour/91.1 FM

Prayer Chain

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Musical Notes

- (1) When in our music God is glorified
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!
- (2) How often, making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound
As worship moves us to a more profound- Alleluia!
- (3) So has the church, in liturgy and song,
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!

The words of Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) are found in LSB 796, When In Our Music God Is Glorified. Martin Luther wrote that, "next to the Word of God, music deserves high praise." Music is a gift from God- our voices give highest praise when singing in thanks and praise to the Giver of the gift! The church's song has endured and prospered through centuries of trial and tribulations and will continue to sound forth in the years to come.

I would like to thank the congregation for supporting music in the years to come through the recently completed music area renovation in the sanctuary. Both current and future choirs and instrumentalists will benefit from the improvements in sight and sound, as well as the flexibility afforded by the reconfigured risers. Without removing any existing pews, we were able to rearrange the current space to be better utilized by all our music groups and visiting musicians. I am especially thankful for the ability to see and hear all my singers and ringers from both the organ and piano benches! The reconfigured space will benefit the future of music at St. Paul—both those who direct and those who offer their gifts in "singing a new song to the Lord!"

St. Paul Concerts will present the Indiana University Harp Ensemble on Friday, October 2, at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. I encourage you to both attend and bring your friends for this wonderful opportunity to enjoy an evening of excellent music!

May we continue to glorify God through the church's song!

In Christ's love,

Dan



Sr. Handbells rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Sr. Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15 pm.

Jr. Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour.

Jr. Handchimes rehearse on Sundays from 12:45-1:15 pm.

Jr. Handbells rehearse on Sundays from 1:15-1:45 pm.

Small Group Handbells rehearse on Mondays at 10:00 am.

If you are interested in more information or have questions, please contact me at, (mobile) 812-927-9319, or email

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Thank you!



Early Childhood Ministry

Reaching out with Christ's love to serve and grow through early childhood education

ECM Classes in the New Building

As the construction project for our new Christian Education Center continues to take shape, our excitement for the first year of early childhood classes in the new building ramps up. With the new construction comes new opportunities. The room sizes in the new school space will allow for great growth for our preschool and kindergarten classes.

Last year, we started enrollment for our early childhood ministry in November, and we kept our registration open till our classes filled up. We want families to be assured that they can access a quality Christian education at our school. We will continue early access to enrollment at St. Paul Lutheran ECM this coming November. This early registration will help us anticipate the number of children we will have the opportunity to serve in the coming school year.

Registration at our ECM is a staggered invitation. Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church and families with children currently enrolled in our ECM will have the opportunity to register for the 2027-2028 school year beginning Monday, November 9th. The following Monday (November 16th), we will extend the invitation for the community to register at our school. If you, a member of your family, a neighbor, or a friend has a child who will be turning 3, 4, or 5 years old by August 1st, please consider enrolling them at our school. While the new building is not yet available for tours, families are always welcome to come to our school, meet our staff, interact in our classrooms, and learn how we start a child's education on the foundation of Jesus Christ. Please reach out if you have questions or would like to learn more.

~Blessings,

Jen Probst, ECM Director



6 – Lambs Chapel at 8:20 AM (Offering: baby wipes)

7 – Doves & Kindergarten Chapel at 8:20 AM

12 to 16 – Fall Break

20 to 22 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

21 – Bookmobile

26 – Picture retakes



Christian Education

Family Devotions

Attached to the end of this newsletter you will find a calendar and resource page for family devotions from the LCMS. The devotion calendar and resource page will be included at the end of the newsletter every month.

Sunday School

Oct	<u>First Steps of Faith</u> <i>Infant to 2-year-olds</i>	<u>Elementary</u> <i>Preschool to 4th Grade</i>	<u>5th and 6th Grade</u>
4	Noah	Giving the Law	Isaac and His Family
11	Noah	Golden Calf	Jacob's Stairway
18	Moses	Twelve Spies	Jacob's Family
15	Moses	Bronze Snake	Joseph and His Brothers

Oct	<u>Confirmation Instruction</u> <i>7th and 8th Grade</i>	<u>Senior High</u> <i>9th to 12th Grade</i>
4	5 th & 6 th Commandments	The Book of Acts
11	Review Week/Make up Work	
18	6 th Commandment	
25	7 th Commandment	

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study: Lord, Teach Us to Pray (Pastor Bauman)

Midweek Adult Bible Studies:

<i>Monday, October 5</i>	10:00 AM – Moms in the Word	
<i>Wednesdays</i>	9:00 AM - Romans	6:00 PM - Isaiah

Youth Ministry

1. Warmth, Challenge, Grace
2. Supportive Adults

Seven Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry: 3. Engaged Parents

The Bible is clear about the significant role that parents have in the lives of their children. Parents are not only entrusted with the physical care of their children, they also have been commanded by God to take an active role in a child's spiritual nurture. Youth are highly observant and are quick to note the importance their parents place on an active faith life through their words and actions. Research further supports the critical role that parents have in promoting their children's continued presence in church as adults. The following is a list of faith activities that encouraged youth to be active in their own faith life:

1. Regular worship attendance by parents.
2. Frequent Bible reading at home. Praying with parents.
3. At least 1 parent having a service or leadership role in the church.
4. Children having a good relationship with both parents, especially with dad.
5. Parents are comfortable with open discussions about life issues.
6. Parents are comfortable with open discussions about faith issues.
7. Parents are comfortable with open discussions about questions and doubt.

Only Jesus was able to fulfill His God-given vocation perfectly. Thanks be to God that He is the perfect Father to His children! We can be assured that God serves us in the Divine Service. Our Father God takes an active role in our lives, teaches us His Word, provides for our daily needs, and invites us to come to Him with all our questions. We have a good relationship with God our Father, because Jesus has reconciled and restored us to Him.

Gifts of Time and Talent:

October Acolytes			Music	
8:00 AM	10:45 AM		8:00 AM	10:45 AM
Naomi Lewis	Lane Gilmore	4	Sr. Handbells	
Silas Lewis	Caroline Glick	11	Small Group Handbells	
Trey Price	Henry Glick	18	Sr. Choir	
Henry Seifer	Corbin Howarth	25	Columbus Brass Quintet	

Connecting to Others:

KfC Kids for Christ youth group for preschool to 5th Grade Sunday, November 1st Noon to 1:15 PM Come and join us for activities filled with thankfulness and praise. We will begin with lunch, followed by a devotion and fun.	
C4Life Christ for Life youth group for 6th to 8th Grade Rascals Fun Zone – October 4th from 1:45-5:30 PM St. Paul youth and their friends are invited to join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. We will have 2 hours of unlimited play on go karts, mini golf, and bumper cars. Youth should bring money if they are interested in purchasing snacks, drinks, or arcade games. We plan to arrive back at church around 5:30 PM. Sign up by talking to DCE Probst or by following the link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45AFAA2BA4FD0-65715231-rascals (8th Grade) Higher Things – July 20-23, 2027 • Cost: \$100 (covers registration, food, housing, etc.) • Please fill out registration form by Oct 4th Remind App Code: @4aef23g	SPY St. Paul Youth group for High School students College Care Packages – October 4th from 12:30-1:30 PM After lunch, please join DCE Probst as we prepare college care packages. We will also have a number of other service projects to engage in as we anticipate our trip to Rascals Fun Zone. Rascals Fun Zone – see details to the left Registrations Due: March for Life – January 21-23, 2027 • Cost: Food and personal expenses at the conference. • Please inform DCE Probst if you are attending by Oct 4th so flights can be booked. Higher Things – July 20-23, 2027 • See details to the left Remind App Code: @ge9993

Please see DCE Jen Probst for additional details or registration information.

~Friends are always welcome. Parents are invited to help out.~



St. Paul Lutheran Church
& Early Childhood Ministry

News and Notes

Extending Christ's Love Update

Have you noticed the progress on the Christian Education Center? Even as work continues on the exterior of the building, plumbing, duct work, electrical, and masonry work are all occurring on the inside. Work remains on schedule to have the Christian Education Center under roof before winter so that interior work can continue for completion in late spring/early summer 2027.

Our school children enjoy watching the construction workers and the machinery during recess and from their classroom windows. It's hard to believe that next year at this time, these students will be learning about Jesus in their new classrooms and enjoying recess on the new playground. To God be the glory!

Secured School Safety Grant Update: We are excited to announce that we have been awarded an \$86,000 School Safety Grant from the Department of Homeland Security. These funds will be applied to the fire suppression system, secure doors and windows, and security/alarm systems and cameras. All these expenses were already in the budget for the Christian Education Center, so this grant is a tremendous blessing.

Catalog of Needed Items: Now is the time to sponsor one or more needed items through our Catalog of Needed Items. The Catalog allows church members, school families, and friends of our congregation to support Extending Christ's Love above their 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.

Baking for the Building and Silent Auction: Mark your calendars for Baking for the Building and Silent Auction on November 15th. More details to come in upcoming newsletters and bulletins.

Thanks for your continued prayers and support of Extending Christ's Love!



You're Invited
Fall Gathering

REGISTRATION & LIGHT BREAKFAST @ 9:30 A.M.
DEVOTION @ 10 A.M.
GUEST SPEAKER @ 10:15 A.M.
BREAK @ 11:15 A.M.
ZONE BUSINESS MEETING @ 11:30 A.M.
LUNCH @ 12:30 P.M.
SUGGESTED DONATION: \$10

GUEST SPEAKER:
LWML DISTRICT PRESIDENT BECKY THIBODEAU
CORNERSTONE LUTHERAN CHURCH, INDY
"LOVE, CARE, SERVE, & SHARE"
LAMP MINISTRIES

Saturday, September 26, 2026

St. Paul Lutheran Church
6045 E. State Street
Columbus, IN 47201

INGATHERING: Monetary donations will support the Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots (LAMP) Ministry to indigenous communities of northern Ontario, Canada.

St. Paul
Lutheran Church

Harvest Fest

SEPTEMBER 27TH | 4PM

Schroer Ranch
9846 E. 50 N. COLUMBUS

*Games, hayrides,
hymn sing & more*

SUPPER SERVED AT 5:30 PM
PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.
HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS, DRINKS,
AND TABLE SERVICE PROVIDED.

St. Paul Concerts
PRESENTS
INDIANA UNIVERSITY HARP ENSEMBLE
PROF. ELZBIETA SZMYT, DIRECTOR
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 2026, 7:00 P.M.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH &
6045 E. STATE ST. COLUMBUS, IN
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND. ADMISSION IS FREE.

Trinity's Middle School Information Night

Trinity Lutheran High School's Middle School Information Night is **Wednesday, September 23rd** at 6:30 PM. We will gather in the Trinity commons area to share information about Trinity Lutheran High School, our academic and extracurricular opportunities, and what students can expect as they consider high school options.

Eighth-grade students who are ready to take the next step toward becoming members of the TLHS Class of 2031 will also can begin the enrollment process that evening. Students and their families will be able to meet with Mr. Downey to discuss their freshman schedules and begin planning for the exciting years ahead.

Young Adults Fellowship and Study

All young adults (post-high school and 20 somethings) are invited to Pastor and Michelle's house (3019 Revere Court, Columbus) for fellowship and Bible study on **Friday, September 25th** at 6:30 PM. Friends are welcome! If you desire, please bring snacks and drinks to share. If you have questions, or want more information, please text or call Pastor Bauman (812-350-4115).

Why Do Young Adults Leave the Church

Grace, Columbus invites you to their Lutheran Heritage Series on **Saturday, September 26th**. Pastor Harrison Goodman, Executive Director of Mission and Theology for Higher Things will speak on the topic Why Do Young Adults Leave the Church? Pastor Goodman will offer his insights on this topic and approaches and solutions to retaining young adults. A pitch-in or freewill offering supper will be served at 5:30 PM with the presentation beginning at 6:15 PM. Childcare is available by contacting the church office.

Early Childhood Ministry Open House

Our early childhood ministry open house is **Sunday, September 27th** following the 10:45 AM service. Plan to come up the hill, tour the classrooms, visit with our staff, view student artwork and crafts, and get to know our early childhood ministry families.

Harvest Fest

Our annual Harvest Fest is **Sunday, September 27th** at the Schroer Ranch (9846 East 50 North) beginning at 4 PM. Come join us for games, volleyball, apple bobbing, hayrides, a hymn sing, and devotions led by the youth followed by a pitch-in supper. The meal will begin at 5:30 PM. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring your lawn chairs and a dish to share.

Trinity Lutheran High School Open House

Trinity Lutheran High School invites you to join them for a *Way. Truth. Life.* Dusty Boots Open House on **Sunday, September 27th** from 1–3 PM. Come see the exciting progress of the *Way. Truth. Life.* Campaign and building project firsthand! Visitors will have the opportunity to walk through the construction project and see the vision for the future of Trinity taking shape. Bring the whole family! As part of the open house, there will be an opportunity to write a Bible verse, prayer, or name on the structure of the building, leaving a lasting reminder of the faith, prayers, and people that are part of this exciting chapter in Trinity's history. Guests are asked to park in the rear parking lot and enter through the new gym entrance.

Harp Ensemble Concert

You are cordially invited to a concert featuring the Indiana University Harp Ensemble on **Friday, October 2nd** at 7 PM. The sound of four harps in our sanctuary is remarkable, and this would be a wonderful opportunity to invite friends to visit our church.

Moms in the Word

All mothers and their children are invited to attend our monthly Moms in the Word gathering on **Monday, October 5th** at 10 AM in the fellowship room. Join us for a devotion and fellowship!

Orphan Grain Train Workday

Our OGT Workday is **Tuesday, October 6th** 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.

Grief Support Group

All who are experiencing grief from the death of a loved one are invited to participate in a small group Bible study using the guide *When Your Heart Breaks*. This study will meet on Wednesdays at 2 PM at the church beginning **October 7th** and continuing through November 18th. The class will be led by Marybeth Glick. This study and support group is open to members and anyone from our community who is grieving so please invite others. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Marybeth Glick at marybethglick@gmail.com or 812-371-6254.

Stewardship Sundays

The stewardship packets are available in the gathering space. To save postage costs, please pick up your packet and any packet that you can deliver to others. The procedures for making your pledge will be explained at the October 4th services.

Loyalty Sunday is October 18th when we will offer our pledges for 2027 as we respond to the Lord's benefits with thankful and grateful hearts. Prayerfully consider God's blessings in your life and how you can use God's gifts to further His kingdom through our congregation, community, and world.

Holy Land Presentation and Olive Wood Handicrafts

On **Sunday, October 18th**, at the beginning of Bible study, we will hear about the Christians of the Holy Land. More than 70% of the Christian Community in the Holy Land depend upon tourism as their only source of income. Tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the war in Gaza. Many Christian families have fled their homeland since they lost their source of income. The Christian population of the Holy Land was 30% in the last century, but today it is less than 1% in the land of Christ.

There will be a display of olive wood religious handicrafts from Bethlehem available for donations. The olivewood carvings include Nativity sets, crosses, ornaments, candle holders, and others. They make nice gifts for a wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter or Christmas. They are carved by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on their crafts for their daily bread. All proceeds support Christian families from Bethlehem.

Waymansville Fish Fry

St. Peter Waymansville invites you to their annual fish fry on **Sunday, October 18th** 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.

Reformation Sunday

Special Services and Door Offering

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

We will gather a door offering 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 received ACCWSF scholarships.

Guitar Classes

St. Paul member Chad Dornquast 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.

Fall Back

On the night of **Saturday, October 31st** please set your clocks back one hour as Daylight Savings Time ends.

Latino Outreach Report

Thank you to everyone who has recently made intentional efforts to assist our Latino families: providing transportation to appointments, hiring Ema and Briana for cleaning services, hiring Noel for handyman jobs, making Dominike your go-to barber, providing rice, beans, oil, and other staples for the food pantry, and more. It's such a joy to see the body of Christ eager to support each other!

On September 9th we held our second monthly prayer gathering. Upon request of the members, we've started meeting once a month during the Wednesday evening Bible study hour to pray together.

Please join the extra fun on **Sunday, September 27th**. In addition to the normal Harvest Fest-ivities, the folks that Pastor Fickenscher serves in Indianapolis will be coming down for worship and fellowship for the fourth consecutive year. We'll have a lunch and a Bible study / family activity at 1 PM and the Divine Service in Spanish at 2:30 before joining everyone else at the Schroer Ranch at 4. Don't be shy; ¡come learn some español!

On October 25th Pastor Peter Knutson of Grace New Albany will be filling in while Pastor Fickenscher is out of town. Be sure to give him a warm Clifty welcome. Seminarian Samuel Ledford of Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne will fill in for Pastor Fickenscher in Indy. Thanks to the generosity of the Indiana LWML seminarians interested in Hispanic ministry will be able to preach or help with the liturgy in the Indianapolis Spanish service at least once a quarter over the next two years.

College Addresses

Please submit your college address, email, and phone number to the church office at mackenzie.wint@stpaulcolumbus.org or 812-376-6504, so that we can stay in contact with you (including a college care package!) while you are at school. Our youth will be assembling care packages on **Sunday, October 4th** so please submit the addresses soon.

Leadership Nominations

If you are interested in serving as a church officer or as a member of one of our church boards or if you would like to recommend someone to serve, please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946.

Sunday Lunches

We offer lunches throughout the school year for those participating in afternoon events. Volunteers are needed to prepare lunches. Food is provided. Volunteers attend the 8 AM service and then prepare lunch during the 10:45 AM service. If you are interested in serving, please sign-up in the gathering space. Here are the upcoming menus:

September 20th—Taco Bar

September 27th—Pizza

October 4th—Fettuccine Alfredo

October 11th—No Lunch Served; Fall Break

October 18th—Corn Dogs with Macaroni and Cheese

October 25th—Chicken Sandwiches

Official Acts

Mabel Clara Oliver, daughter of Corbin and Kate Oliver, was baptized into Christ on August 30th.

Jonah Brewer and Jennifer Scheidt were united in marriage on September 12th.

October Mission of the Month

The Mission of the Month is Japanese Mission Society. The Japanese Mission Society serves the Japanese in Columbus, Indianapolis, and Seymour through worship, Bible study, education and cultural events. The outreach is led by Tom and Debi Going. Our support is bringing the Gospel to the Japanese in our community.

Our Christian Stewardship

January-August Financial Report

Offerings Needed:	\$620,235
Offerings Received:	<u>\$553,810</u>
Difference:	(\$66,425)
Total Income:	\$674,955
Total Expenses:	<u>\$766,574</u>
Difference:	(\$91,619)

August is our second largest expense month as tuition is paid to our area Lutheran schools for the fall semester. In addition, offerings decrease during the summer months, resulting in a year-to-date deficit. If you are behind on your general fund pledge, we encourage you to catch up. We thank you for your faithful stewardship so that we can keep on reaching out with Christ's love to serve and grow.

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 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 by calling 800-847-4836. When prompted say, "Thrivent Choice" and then press 1 to direct your choice dollars.

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

St. Paul Lutheran SGO

On June 1st, we began our new SGO fundraising campaign for the 2027-2028 school year! 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 by helping us fund 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

SGO Donation Total as of 8/31/2026 \$1,300

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 at rachel.fohne@stpaulcolumbus.org. If you know what you have pledged but have been unable to fulfill your pledge, please also reach out with this update to Rachel Fohne. These details help us with our financial planning. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Multiple Ways to Give

There are multiple ways to give to St. Paul such as cash and check. You can always donate online through the website or use the QR code. You can make a one-time donation or schedule weekly or monthly donations that you can adjust or cancel at any time. Please also consider donating appreciated securities such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds as these donations could offer tax advantages to the donor. Farmers who donate a commodity such as grain could also receive valuable tax benefits. Please consult a professional tax advisor for any tax advice. If you have a question about donating to St. Paul, please reach out to Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786 or rachel.fohne@stpaulcolumbus.org.



LWML News

The **Harvest Mission Project** will continue through October. You are welcome to bring your surplus produce, plants, and flowers to the Harvest Mission table in the gathering space, or you can take from this table for a donation to the Food Bank. Please contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142 for more info or to help.

St. Paul LWML will be hosting the **Columbus Zone Fall Gathering on Saturday, September 26th**, beginning at 9:30 AM in the fellowship room. Our guest speaker will be LWML District President Becky Thibodeau from Cornerstone-Warren Lutheran Church (formerly Trinity Lutheran) in Indy. She will speak about the Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots (LAMP) Ministry, which has been nurturing faith in indigenous communities in remote areas of northern Canada since 1970. Check the sign-up sheet in the gathering space to see how you can help with breakfast or lunch for the event. Any help is appreciated!

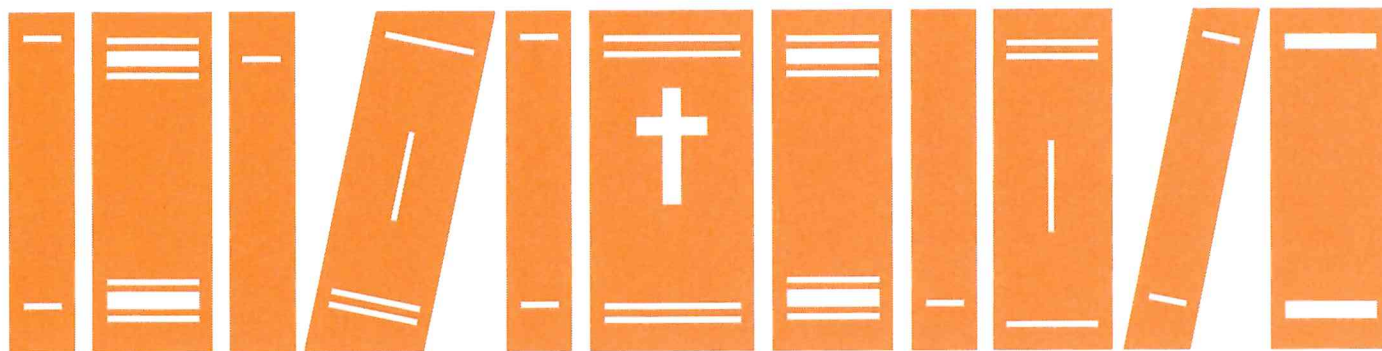
LWML Sunday is coming up on **October 4th**, and this year's theme is Supporting Missions. We will continue to focus on the LWML Mission Statement: As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

The **Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch's Honey Sundays** are also coming up the **first two Sundays in October**. Orders will be taken at the honey tables in the gathering space for a suggested donation of \$10 per bottle. Orders will be shipped directly to you in time for Thanksgiving. Search for more info at <https://dakotaranch.org/>

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Family Game Night and Euchre Tourney on August 7. Mark your calendars for the next game night on **Friday, November 6th**.

The **LWML Indiana District Choir Recording for Worship Anew Choir** will be held **October 13th at 2 PM** at the Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne Campus. This event follows Donation Day, which is a big collection day for the Food and Clothing Co-Op at the Seminary. Anyone interested in attending can call Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142 or email Becky Thibodeau at bthibs3723@gmail.com.





Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

PSALM 34:11 (NIV)

Dear parent, teacher, grandparent, beloved in the Lord...

Thank you for requesting our customizable family devotion schedule! We are excited to share this monthly resource with you and pray that it serves your family well.

LCMS Family Ministry is here to support and encourage you as you pass down the faith to the next generation. Whatever the age or stage of your family may be, spending time together in the Word and in prayer will keep your family firmly rooted and grounded in the One who never changes (HEB. 13:8).

Even children at a very young age can begin to learn the prayers of the church, the Ten Commandments, the Creeds and the parts of the Small Catechism, and memorize passages of Scripture.

Though not all-inclusive, we hope that this schedule will serve as a launching point for further family study and conversation. What a gift and privilege it is to nurture children in the fear of the Lord! The family that prays together, confesses Christ together and studies the unchanging Word together is a strong and unshakeable force (PSALM 1:3).

HOW TO USE

This monthly devotional schedule is fully customizable. The memory work can also be changed, based on what is best for the age of your family members. For little ones, consider finding songs online or making up your own that aid in memory recitation — everything is always more fun (and easier) to learn with song! The memory work is intended to be recited each day and even multiple times per day ... think in the car, while brushing teeth and especially during devotion time!

Each day of the week also has its own particular focus. The prayers, or the subject of the prayers, are printed on the back of the Family Devotions Calendar. The Lord's Prayer and Luther's Evening Prayer are meant to be prayed collectively, and eventually, from memory. The rest of the prayers are meant to be more extemporaneous. They can be led by the head of the household, or each family member can take turns praying out loud. This is a great opportunity for children to learn the model for prayer and the reverence of prayer.

- Sundays are set aside for learning the catechism. You can find the accompanying Catechism Memory Cards on our website at resources.lcms.org/general/catechism-memory-cards/. Choose a single question for review or try to tackle multiple cards in one day!

- Mondays are an opportunity to recite one of the three ecumenical creeds. These have been printed on the back of the Family Devotions Calendar for your reference.
- On certain Tuesdays, the family will learn the Ten Commandments. You can find the accompanying flash-cards at resources.lcms.org/general/catechism-memory-cards/ and on other Tuesdays, kids will get the chance to choose a book from your family's library of Jesus books.
- Wednesdays are a chance to review the books of the Bible. We suggest starting with the Old Testament books and learning them in the order that they appear in our Bibles. There are many songs that have been written to help put these to memory. A simple online search will populate a ton of different catchy tunes!
- On Thursdays, the family reads a Bible story, either from a children's Bible or from Scripture. For a list of children's Bibles, check out the Resources Guide on the last page of this document.
- Friday is a chance for reviewing what you've learned throughout the week. You can also revisit any of the flash-cards or study the Days of Creation flashcards found at resources.lcms.org/general/catechism-memory-cards/.
- Finally, on Saturday, the family prepares for the Divine Service. In addition to daily memory work and prayers, consider singing the suggested hymn (or choose a stanza or two) or use one of the resources from the Resources Guide.

Remember, this schedule is meant to be tweaked and tuned for your own family. It is simply a guideline and can be used in any way that serves your family best! If only one or two elements can be used in a day, that's okay. If a day gets missed or skipped, there is grace and the chance to return to it fresh the following day.

Be encouraged, be strengthened, and be rooted and grounded in love, so that together you "may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" (EPH. 3:18-19).

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St. Paul Family Devotions

DAILY MEMORY WORK: 1 Peter 2:9

HYMN: Church of God, Elect and Glorious (LSB 646)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
				Pray: Luther's Evening Prayer Read: Bible story	Pray: Family at church Learn: Days of Creation	Pray: Luther's Evening Prayer Sing: Church of God, Elect and Glorious (LSB 646)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pray: Pastors Learn: Catechism	Pray: Lord's Prayer Learn: Apostles' Creed	Pray: Family members Read: Kid's choice of book	Pray: Prayer requests Learn: Books of the Bible	Pray: Luther's Evening Prayer Read: Bible story	Pray: Family at church Learn: Days of Creation	Pray: Godchildren/Baptism sponsors Sing: Church of God, Elect and Glorious (LSB 646)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Pray: Grandparents Learn: Catechism	Pray: Lord's Prayer Learn: Nicene Creed	Pray: Missionaries Learn: Commandments	Pray: Prayer requests Learn: Books of the Bible	Pray: Luther's Evening Prayer Read: Bible story	Pray: Family at church Learn: Days of Creation	Pray: Godchildren/Baptism sponsors Sing: Church of God, Elect and Glorious (LSB 646)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Pray: Pregnancy centers Learn: Catechism	Pray: Lord's Prayer Learn: Apostles' Creed	Pray: President and leaders Read: Kid's choice of book	Pray: Prayer requests Learn: Books of the Bible	Pray: Luther's Evening Prayer Read: Bible story	Pray: Family at church Learn: Days of Creation	Pray: Godchildren/Baptism sponsors Sing: Church of God, Elect and Glorious (LSB 646)
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Pray: Teachers Learn: Catechism	Pray: Lord's Prayer Learn: Nicene Creed	Pray: Family members Learn: Commandments	Pray: Prayer requests Learn: Books of the Bible	Pray: Luther's Evening Prayer Read: Bible story	Pray: Family at church Learn: Days of Creation	Pray: Godchildren/Baptism sponsors Sing: Church of God, Elect and Glorious (LSB 646)

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

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 $\pm$ everlasting. Amen.

Daily Memory Work

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down
from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life $\pm$ of the world to come. Amen.

Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your
dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and
I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have
done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your
hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things.
Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have
no power over me. Amen.

Books of the Bible

Old Testament	New Testament
Genesis	Matthew
Exodus	Mark
Leviticus	Luke
Numbers	John
Deuteronomy	Acts
Joshua	Romans
Judges	1 Corinthians
Ruth	2 Corinthians
1 Samuel	Galatians
2 Samuel	Ephesians
1 Kings	Philippians
2 Kings	Colossians
1 Chronicles	1 Thessalonians
2 Chronicles	2 Thessalonians
Ezra	1 Timothy
Nehemiah	2 Timothy
Esther	Titus
Job	Philemon
Psalms	Hebrews
Proverbs	James
Ecclesiastes	1 Peter
Song of Songs	2 Peter
Isaiah	1 John
Jeremiah	2 John
Lamentations	3 John
Ezekiel	Jude
Daniel	Revelation
Hosea	
Joel	
Amos	
Obadiah	
Jonah	
Micah	
Nahum	
Habakkuk	
Zephaniah	
Haggai	
Zechariah	
Malachi	



St. Paul Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Ministry

October 2026

Our Sunday Schedule
8 AM Divine Service
9:00 AM Radio Service
9:10 AM Fellowship
9:30 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Living Service English & Spanish
Noon Lunch (no lunch 10/11)
12:15 PM Confirmation (no class 10/11)
12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

1:45 PM Jr. Handbells (no practice 10/11)
7 PM Lutheran Hour

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Radio Service and Lutheran Hour can be found on 91.1 FM Columbus/Madison, 89.1 FM Greensburg, 88.1 FM Versailles/Osgood, and 94.5 FM Salem			<u>Wednesday Schedule</u> 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 Matins Service 6 PM Bible Study 6 PM Sr. Handbells 7 PM Sr. Choir	1 6 PM Tri-W Meeting	2 7 PM LU Harp Ensemble Concert	3
4 LWML Sunday Mite Box Offering Honey Sunday Sr. Handbells	5 10 AM Moms in the Word 10 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10 AM Small Group Handbells	6 8:20 AM Lambs Chapel 9-Noon OGI Workday 12:30 PM Staff Meeting	7 8:20 AM Doves and Kindergarten Chapel 2 PM Grief Class	8	9 Rachel Fohne on Vacation until 10/17	10
11 Honey Sunday Small Group Handbells Noon Confirmation Make-Up/ Work ahead	12 November Newsletter Deadline 10 AM Small Group Handbells Mackenzie Wirt on Vacation until 10/15	13	14 2 PM Grief Class	15 Church Reserved	16	17
Fall Break October 12th-16th						
18 Loyalty Sunday Sr. Choir 9:30 AM Christians in Holy Land Presentation	19 10 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10 AM Small Group Handbells 1-5 PM Church Reserved 6 PM ECM Board	20	21 2 PM Grief Class	22	23	24 Pastor Fickenscher on vacation until 10/28
	District Pastors Meeting		Parent-Teacher Conferences			
25 Reformation Sunday Columbus Brass Quintet Door Offering for Church Workers Scholarship Fund 2 PM Guitar Class	26 Picture Retakes for ECM 10 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10 AM Small Group Handbells	27	28 2 PM Grief Class	29 1:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit	30 Church Reserved	31 Reformation Day Set clocks back one hour before bed

Serving at St. Paul

Service	Usher Team	Elders	Greeters
8 AM	Team C	Adam Hall & Carl Shaffer	
10:45 AM	Team F	Wiley Umphress & Steve Voelz	

Day	Acolyte	Flowers	Radio	Fellowship Hour	Lunch
4	8 AM Naomi Lewis	LWML Sunday			Lewis Family
	10:45 AM Lane Gilmore				
11	8 AM Silas Lewis			Bauman and Haak Families	No Lunch Served
	10:45 AM Caroline Glick				
18	8 AM Trey Price			Bruce and Natalie Pollert	Patterson Family
	10:45 AM Henry Glick				
25	8 AM Henry Seifer		Adam and Kristy Hall	Jacob and Toni Howarth	Laws Family
	10:45 AM Corbin Howarth				