

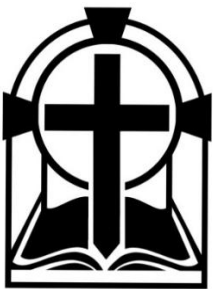
These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Revelation 7:14



Who Are These?

All Saints Day

November 1, 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. 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.

Church Busy Bags are available for little ones. The bags are by the coat room in the gathering space.

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

Crucifers: 8 AM Service Maddie Johnson

10:45 AM Service Jesse Wofford

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Otto Seifer

10:45 AM Service Theodore Laws

Church Calendar

Today

All Saints Day

Commemoration of Faithful Departed

Mite Box 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-1:15 PM KfC Day

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

12:15 PM Youth Confirmation

2:00 PM Guitar Class

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Monday

10:00 AM Homeschool Religion Class

10:00 AM Moms in the Word

10:00 AM Small Group Handbells

Tuesday

9 AM-Noon Orphan Grain Train Workday

12:30 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday

9:00 AM Bible Study

10:15 AM Matins Service

10:45 AM Communion Wafer Making

2:00 PM Grief Class

6:00 PM Bible Study

6:00 PM Sr. Handbells Rehearsal

7:00 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal

7:15 PM Elders Meeting

Thursday

6:00 PM Tri-W Meeting

Friday

6:00 PM Euchre and Game Night

Saturday

9 AM-6 PM Church Reserved

Next Sunday

8:00 AM Divine Service

9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM New Member Recognition

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

2:00 PM Guitar Class

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

All Saints Day

Prelude

Trumpet Procession—R. Frey

Welcome and Announcements

8 AM Service: LWML Mission Grant Presentation

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringling of the Bell

Processional Hymn

Please stand and face the processional cross

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Confession of Sins

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Kyrie

pages 152-153

Hymn of Praise

The Feast of Victory

page 155

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G (sung) And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; 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

Revelation 7:9-17

[John writes:] After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 John 3:1-3

[John writes:] See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and sing (page 156)

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

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

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Who Are These?

Revelation 7: 9-17

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

P Let us remember with thanksgiving all those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever, and He gave them new life through His Son in Baptism, and nourished them in the company of His people at His holy table, and in His mercy has summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may continue in joyful service of Him forever.

✠ Irma Ramsey (June 4, 1955-October 29, 2025) ✠

✠ Earl Stam (December 21, 1937-November 2, 2025) ✠

✠ Dennis Peters (April 29, 1952-December 1, 2025) ✠

✠ Amy Price (December 16, 1960-December 22, 2025) ✠

✠ James Probst (October 8, 1940-January 18, 2026) ✠

✠ Robert Runge (June 11, 1937-June 19, 2026) ✠

✠ Ruth Barnes (July 12, 1952-June 20, 2026) ✠

✠ Danny Wilson (June 27, 1956-June 29, 2026) ✠

✠ Lorraine Whitson (May 11, 1939-July 29, 2026) ✠

✠ Pamela Jenkins (February 3, 1956-August 5, 2026) ✠

P Let us pray. Lord, remember Your Church throughout the world; make all its members grow in love for You and for one another. As You have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at the last with them to our heavenly home, that in union with all Your saints we may give You glory forever; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

Commemoration Hymn

677

*Women sing stanza four; men sing stanza five
Please stand to sing stanza eight*

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering

950

Service of the Sacrament

please stand pages 160-163

Distribution of the Sacrament

Hymns: 672 stanzas 1-3, 671, 678, 679, 675 *standing for stanza four*

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

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord

please stand page 164

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

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Recessional Hymn

672 stanza 4

Postlude

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart—J. L. Krebs

Thanks to Keith Burton for playing the trumpet.

Who Are These? Revelation 7: 9-17

What does John see in his vision? Who does John see?

The multitude from every nation has come out of the great t_____. Their r_____ are washed and made white in the b_____ of the L_____.

One day we will stand with the glorious multitude before the throne of the Lamb. How do we experience this even now as we live in this world of tribulation?

There is one Church comprised of all believers, all the saints on earth and in heaven. But until the Last Day, there is a distinction among God's people:

The Church T_____: Saints who are with the Lord in glory.

The Church M_____: Saints who struggle and endure tribulation, attacked by the devil, the world, and their own sinful nature.

How does the Lord serve and strengthen you until you take your place before the throne of the Lamb?

Next Sunday's Readings Amos 5:18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

LIVING THE SERMON... We are not alone as we struggle in this great tribulation. We are a communion (a community) of saints, God's gift to one another to pray for each other and to help, support, and encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ. Who do you know that is struggling? Pray for them and reach out to support them in their time of need.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Rejoice in the God of your salvation and the Lamb whose blood cleanses you from your sin! Pray for strength as you endure tribulation. Seek God's help in your ongoing struggle against sin and temptation. Pray for those who are grieving that they would be comforted in their sorrow.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you.* Amos 5:14

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.

Extending Christ's Love

Today we are blessed to have Margie Wickert, Vice-President of Gospel Outreach for the Indiana District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League who 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.



This LWML grant is just one of many ways the Lord continues to provide for this endeavor. Total grants awarded now exceed \$123,000. All glory be to God!

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!** Our goal is to delay the need for financing this project as long as possible. Here's how you can help:

- 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!**
- Participate in Baking for the Building on November 15th. Bring a dessert to share and/or take dessert(s) home with you.
- Donate items for the Silent Auction on November 22nd-29th and bid generously!
- Sponsor items in the *Catalog of Needed Items*. When the church was built in 2009, we raised \$311,000 through the *Catalog of Needed Items*. Our goal is to exceed this amount with the Christian Education Center. Thankfully, over \$250,000 has been raised or pledged from the Catalog. **That's \$250,000 that we don't need to borrow.** Thanks be to God!

The Catalog is online (stpaulcolumbus.org) or hard copies are in the gathering space. Items can be reserved in honor of or in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special event. If you have questions about the Catalog or need assistance reserving items, please contact Phil Burbrink or Rachel Fohne.

We are thankful for your ongoing prayers and support for Extending Christ's Love.

Youth Events

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Today from Noon-1:15 PM

Join us for lunch followed by a devotion and activities filled with thankfulness and praise as we celebrate All Saints Day.

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

This 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.

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



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... **Marriage:** Henry and Annie (Foster) Hall married yesterday; **Sick and Recovering:** Shirley Riehn, Pam Wint, Nora Cleary, Rob Baltus, Carolyn Schuette, Mike Bridges, Dave Dailey, Sandy Lagneau, Gloria Schultz, Conner Davis, Chris Nolting, Barbara Hughes, Arayah Lutz, Marie Tellman, Art Ramsey, Dee Schurman, Jax Branaman, Jennifer Jeffares, Phyllis Fox, Riley Walton, Jill Scheidt, Laurie Hoover (Carolyn Wilkerson's neighbor), Randy Fox (Kelley Gonsior's father), Nancy Fromer (Sue Kitchin's cousin), Michelle Matthews (Ray and Pat Hall's niece), Todd Gant (Strietelmeier's friend), 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), Dakota Faith and Chaleece Leckron (Jayne Dornquist'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); **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), Garrett Grider and Terry Redelman (Kallis' friends)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS... are given by Ann Linke in memory of her husband Jerry.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT... are given in celebration of the wedding of Henry and Annie Hall, who were united in holy matrimony yesterday.

THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER... is available in the gathering space and online at stpaulcolumbus.org.

2027 PLEDGES... If you have not turned in your 2027 pledge, please mail them or drop them off this week so that we can finalize the 2027 budget.

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 LUNCHESES... A volunteer is needed to prepare lunch **next Sunday, November 8th**. Please sign up in the gathering space.

Today Hotdogs—KfC Day

Next Sunday, November 8th Sandwich Bar

November 15th Spaghetti and Garlic Bread

November 22nd Chicken Wraps

MITE BOX SUNDAY... is **today!** Your mites support LWML missions in Indiana, nationally, and internationally.

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

OGT WORKDAY... Our Orphan Grain Train Workday is **this 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 Jonesville warehouse.

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

TRI-W MEETING... is **this Thursday, November 5th** at 6 PM. All women are invited to attend.

EUCHRE AND GAME NIGHT... is **this 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. **Next 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!

WIZARD OF OZ... Trinity Lutheran High School Drama and Music Departments invites you to their production of *The Wizard of Oz* **Friday-Sunday, November 13th-15th**. The Friday performance begins at 7 PM. There are two Saturday performances at 2 and 7 PM. The Sunday performance begins at 3 PM. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling the school office at 812-524-8547.

YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING... All young adults (post-high school and 20 somethings) are invited to Pastor and Michelle's house (3019 Revere Court, Columbus) for Bible study and fellowship **Friday, November 13th** at 6:30 PM. Bring a snack to share if you desire. Questions? Call or text Pastor Bauman at 812-350-4115.

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 to 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.

LAKEVIEW DINNER AUCTION... is **Saturday, November 21st**. This is a wonderful opportunity to support Lakeview's ministry and help send more kids to camp through camperships. This year, every dollar spent at the auction will be matched thanks to a Lilly Foundation grant. Even if you can't attend, you can help by donating auction items, unique experiences, or desserts for the famous Dessert Dash, which raised over \$12,000 last year! You can register and learn more at www.lakeview.camp/auction. Thank you for supporting the ministry of Lakeview!

CONCORDIA COUNSELING PRESENTATION... On **Sunday, November 22nd** during the Sunday School hour, Deaconess Michelle Downey of Concordia Counseling will give a presentation of the ongoing work

and ministry expansion of this important outreach. Please plan to attend.

DEWBERRY HAM AND TURKEY SUPPER... is **Sunday, November 22nd** from 4-6 PM. Freewill offering. The church is located at 5588 East 900 South, Cross Plains.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE... On **Wednesday, November 25th** at 7 PM we will gather to give thanks to the Lord for all His blessings. Before you gather with your family on Thanksgiving Day, please take time to gather with your eternal family of faith to give thanks. Holy Communion will be celebrated. The sermon theme is *Bigger Barns or Greater Gratitude?* based on the Parable of the Rich Fool from Luke 12:13-21.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DONATIONS... Every year we are blessed to have a great turnout for our Christmas Family Fun Night. If you would like to donate items, please sign up on the sheet posted in the gathering space. All items should be brought to church by Sunday, November 29th.

Volunteers Needed to help bake and construct gingerbread houses beginning on **Monday, November 30th**. The gingerbread houses will be assembled on **Wednesday, December 9th**.

Mark your calendars for Christmas Family Fun Night on **Sunday, December 13th**. Christmas caroling to our shut-ins begins at 3 PM. At 5 PM supper is served at church followed by gingerbread house decorating and other family activities.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING... is **Sunday, November 29th** at 6 PM. We will gather for a pitch-in supper at 5 PM. Please plan to attend. Annual Meeting Reports are due on Monday, November 16th. The packet will be available on Sunday, November 22nd.

SENIOR PROJECT... Luke Hunter, a senior at Columbus North and a member at White Creek Lutheran Church, is asking for support with his senior project. His senior project is raising funds to restore Ed Engelau's 1978 Ford truck. Ed planned to restore his truck, but God had bigger plans for him. Ed is Jane Morris' late son-in-law. To donate or other ways to contribute please contact Luke at (812) 525-1576. More info can be found on the flyer in the gathering space. The link to the GoFundMe account for this project gofund.me/96b2d6501.

2027 RADIO MINISTRY AND FLOWER CHARTS... have been posted in the gathering space. The amount for sponsoring our radio ministry and the *Lutheran Hour* remains at \$125 for 2027.

THRIVENT 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 FROM... Our family would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers during mom's surgery and recovery. We are grateful for our church family and for the love and encouragement you have shown us. We thank God for His faithfulness and for the healing He has brought mom thus far. She has now returned home where her recovery continues. We ask for your continued prayers as she regains her strength, trusting in God's grace and care through each step.

In Christ,
Dee Schurman's Family

The Response of God's People

Sunday, October 25th

Divine Service: **370**

Communion: **271**

Sunday School: **148**

Offering

General Fund: \$30,122.13

Needed Weekly: \$17,721

Extending Christ's Love: \$17,119.59

Aurora Church Worker Scholarship Door Offering: \$727

Radio: \$105

Harvest Mission: \$1.00



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