

OUR ROCK, OUR FORTRESS  
**OUR FOUNDATION**

*Christian Education Center  
Groundbreaking*



GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY OCTOBER 26, 2025



# Groundbreaking Sunday and Celebration of the Reformation

## **Welcome to God's house on this joyous occasion**

*God is our refuge and our strength, our only help in trouble. He is our mighty fortress! As we break ground for the Christian Education Center, we know that no earthly structure can be our rock, our fortress, and our foundation. A mighty fortress is our God. Jesus Christ is the solid rock on which we build. The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. As we gather, we will be built up on the firm foundation of God's Word even as we pray that all who are served through the many ministries that will occur in the Christian Education Center will be firmly founded on Christ, the rock of our salvation.*



## **Today's events and activities**

**Groundbreaking Service:** The Groundbreaking Service begins at 9:30 AM. The service order begins on the middle of page five of this bulletin. After the service, commemorative vessels will be provided for your family to fill with dirt from the Christian Education Center.

**Extended Fellowship Time:** After the Groundbreaking Service, you are invited to enjoy an extended fellowship time sponsored by Tri-W. Sunday School and Bible classes will not meet this morning.

**Church Merchandise:** *Today* is the last day to order church merchandise. Please see the display in the gathering space for the shirt, hat, tumbler, travel mug, and tote bag which display our church logo. You may place your order at the display or online at [stpaulcolumbus.org](http://stpaulcolumbus.org). All proceeds benefit Extending Christ's Love.

**Door Offering for the Aurora Circuit Church Workers Scholarship Fund:** On this Reformation Sunday, we join with our sister congregations in the Aurora Circuit in gathering a door offering to benefit our Circuit Scholarship Fund. Since 2018, this endowed fund has awarded \$73,500 in scholarships to members from Aurora Circuit congregations who are preparing for fulltime church work vocations.

**KfC Youth Event:** All children fifth grade and younger and their families are invited to stay after the 10:45 AM service for our Kids for Christ Youth Event. Lunch will be served, and the activities will focus on the Groundbreaking and Reformation Sunday themes. The event concludes at 1:15 PM.

## **Regarding the Lord's Supper**

**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.

# The Order of Divine Service

## Prelude

*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*, BWV 720—J. S. Bach  
Sr. Handbells—*Chorale and Variations on "Erhalt uns, Herr"*—J. Behnke

## Welcome and Announcements

10:45 AM Service: Reception of New Member—Beverly Campbell

*Please sign the Record of Fellowship*

## Ringing of the Bell

## Processional Psalm

Psalm 46 *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*—J. Behnke  
*Please stand and face the processional cross*

**Choir: Antiphon**  
God is our refuge and our strength, our only help in trouble.

**Choir and congregation:**

**Antiphon**

God is our re - fuge and our strength, our  
on - ly help in trou - ble.

**Choir:** We will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells. **Antiphon**

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
He lifts His voice, the earth melts.  
The Lord Almighty is with us,  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. **Antiphon**

He makes wars cease  
He breaks the bow and burns the shields with fire.  
Be still, be still, be still and know that I am God.  
The Lord Almighty is with us,  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. **Antiphon**

God is our refuge and our strength,  
our only help in trouble.

## Confession of Sins

*based on the Small Catechism*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins.

I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most.

My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered.

I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed.

There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help.

My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.

I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*please be seated*

## First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

Romans 3:19-28

[Paul writes:] Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

*please stand and sing*

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

## Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the eighth chapter.

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

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered Him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

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

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

*please be seated*

## Little Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

*Choir sings stanza three*

*please stand 656*

## Sermon

*Our Rock, Our Fortress, Our Foundation*

Psalm 46

Sermon Notes are on page 7

## Nicene Creed

*please stand page 206*

## Prayer of the Church

## Offering

**909** *Please stand for stanza four*

## Service of the Sacrament

pages 208-210

## Distribution

**647, 645, 555 stanzas 1-9, 948, 728**

*Visitors: Please read our Communion statement on page one of the bulletin*

## Closing Liturgy

*please stand pages 211-212*

## Recessional Hymn

**555 stanza 10**

*At the 8 AM service, please proceed to the building site for the Groundbreaking Service.*

## Postlude

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God—J. Bender*

*A door offering will be received to benefit the Aurora Circuit Church Workers Scholarship Fund*

# Groundbreaking Service

## Invocation and Opening Scriptures

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** Unless the Lord builds the house,

**C those who build it labor in vain.**

## Scripture Reading

Luke 6:47-49

[Jesus said:] Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against the house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

## The Groundbreaking

*The president of the congregation turns over three spadefuls of earth as the pastor says:*

**P** We now break ground in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit, that the Christian Education Center which will be built here may serve as a place where God will cause His name to dwell and where He will come to His people and bless them.

**C Amen.**

**P** May the Gospel be faithfully preached and taught, the Sacraments rightly administered, and prayers and praise continually offered here from generation to generation.

**C Amen.**

*Those in attendance are invited to turn over three spadefuls of earth, saying: "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."*

## Hymn

*The Church's One Foundation*

**The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.**

**Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.**

## Prayers and Lord's Prayer

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, let Your blessing rest on this place. Grant Your favor to and protect all who will be engaged in the work of building. Grant that Your holy name be worshiped and taught here in truth and purity to all generations. May this school serve and honor You. Let those who teach and learn in this Christian Education Center grow in the grace and in the knowledge of You and Your dear Son; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide to the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C Our Father, who art in heaven...**

## Blessing

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

## Doxology

*all sing*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Please join us for an extended fellowship time.*

*Attendees are invited to take home a commemorative container of earth.*

# Serving Today

**Service Leaders**

Pastor Jeffrey Patterson, Pastor Daniel Fickenscher, Pastor Doug Bauman

**Organist**

Kantor Daniel Mau

**Choirs**

St. Paul Sr. Choir  
St. Paul Sr. Handbells Choir

**Trumpeter**

Caleb Abshire

**Crucifers**

8 AM Service: Isabel Burbrink  
10:45 AM Service: Emmitt Jones

**Acolytes**

8 AM Service: Danial Helt  
10:45 AM Service: Caroline Glick

## Our Rock, Our Fortress, Our Foundation—Psalm 46

God is our r\_\_\_\_\_, our shelter in the midst of danger.

God is our s\_\_\_\_\_, the one who conquers, who give us His victory and kingdom.

God is our only h\_\_\_\_\_ in trouble for the things of this world will not endure.

God is our f\_\_\_\_\_, our well-fortified stronghold when enemies attack.

The almighty and omnipresent God is always w\_\_\_\_\_ us.

The Most High God chooses to dwell among us in this His h\_\_\_\_\_ p\_\_\_\_\_ as He forgives, serves, and blesses us through His Word and Sacraments.

***Next Sunday's Readings—All Saints Sunday Revelation 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12***

**LIVING THE SERMON...** Amid many trials and persecution for the faith, Martin Luther received much strength and comfort from Psalm 46, so much so that his hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* is based on this psalm. Pray this hymn devotionally, reflecting on the powerful text. Pray for strength in trial and temptation and rejoice that even if “devils all the world should fill all eager to devour”, your God is your mighty fortress, and you are a citizen of His eternal kingdom.

**PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH...** Pray for God's grace and blessing as we begin construction of the Christian Education Center. Pray that the Center would always live up to its name—truly a center of Christian education and worship, where many will be blessed through the preaching and teaching of God's holy word.

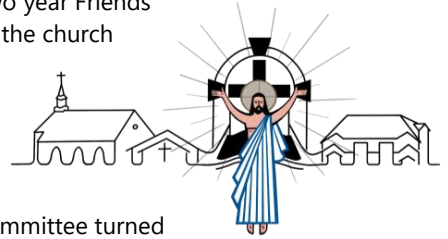
**MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK...** *After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” Revelation 7:9-10*



# Our Christian Education Center

The Christian Education Center is the final phase of our Thirty-Year Master Plan. Responding to continued growth, the congregation adopted a Three Phase Thirty Year Master Plan in 2005. The first phase was completed in April 2009 with the Dedication of our church. The second phase, the expansion of the cemetery, was accomplished in 2015 with the acquisition of property south of the existing cemetery on County Road 300 East.

In conjunction with our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023, we embarked on a two year Friends of Clifty Church campaign. This included the erection of the bell tower by the church so that the bell could call us again to worship. The exterior of the chapel was restored to its original design, along with the installation of new windows, exterior lighting, and signage detailing the history of our congregation. A new retaining wall was also constructed replacing the nearly century-old wall.



With the chapel restored and the bell tower dedicated, the Planning Committee turned their attention to the Christian Education Center. Conceptual designs were presented. In February 2024, the congregation approved the formation of the Building and Finance Committees and to begin a Capital Campaign, Extending Christ's Love, to raise funds for this endeavor. On October 5, 2025, the congregation authorized the beginning of construction of the Christian Education Center.

The Christian Education Center will serve as a hub of mission and ministry for our early childhood ministry, Latino outreach, youth ministry, Sunday School, Bible classes, and fellowship events. The 19,000 square foot facility will include:

- The Great Hall is a large multipurpose room. The chapel area will serve as the location for our Spanish worship services as well as religion and music instruction in our early childhood ministry. On Sundays, the Great Hall will provide additional seating for fellowship and a space for English and Spanish Bible study. The Great Hall will serve as the lunch area during school days, as well as the location for Minds in Motion and for indoor play when the weather is inclement. The Great Hall will provide additional space and a kitchen for church fellowship and youth events.
- The lower level of the Christian Education Center includes four classrooms for our early childhood ministry. The upper level is designed that two additional classrooms can be added, if growth necessitates, allowing us to double the number of children we can serve through this outreach.
- The upper level includes Sunday School classrooms, confirmation instruction room, and a youth room. These classrooms are more than double the size of the rooms we are currently utilizing for Sunday School.
- The current Sunday School area in the existing church will be repurposed for church offices.
- Additional parking will be constructed along the drive behind the church.
- A secure playground and outside gathering area will be located on the backside of the Christian Education Center.

Sitework will begin soon with the goal that the dedication of the Christian Education Center would occur in the first half of 2027. The early childhood ministry will begin utilizing the center with the 2027-2028 school year.

The budget for the Christian Education Center is \$7.8 million. Thanks to the generosity of God's people, pledges for the Extending Christ's campaign are \$4,324,679. Additional income from endowments, grants, fundraising, wish list items, and special projects are estimated to exceed \$2.1 million. We have partnered with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund for financing.

We are grateful for your prayers and financial support for this endeavor. Our heartfelt thanks is extended to the Planning Committee, Building Committee, and Finance Committee for their past, present, and future dedication of time and talent. Above all, we give glory and thanks to God and pray for His blessing and guidance as we begin construction and that the Christian Education Center will be a place where His Word is proclaimed and taught for many generations.

# Youth Events

## **KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)**

### **Today—Reformation and Groundbreaking Celebration**

KfC youth and their friends are invited to remain for lunch and an afternoon of fun activities from noon-1:15 PM as we focus on the theme *Built on the Rock*.

### **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>—Lunch and Autumn Fun Activities**

We will begin our time together with a meal and a devotion. We will then participate in Autumn fun and festivities. Parents are encouraged to stay and assist children with activities. This activity is from noon-1:15 PM.



## **SPY (Sr. High Youth) and C4Life (sixth-eighth grade)**

### **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>—Fun Blast Arcade**

Join us for a fun afternoon of bowling and laser tag. We will have lunch at church, then carpool down to Seymour.

### **Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>—Gingerbread Dough Making**

This activity begins at noon with lunch. Youth are encouraged to stay as we make gingerbread dough from scratch. This is the first step in getting ready for gingerbread house making.

### **Sign-up for Upcoming Youth Conferences**

Please note the upcoming deadlines to sign-up for these upcoming youth conferences.

Y4Life in Washington, DC—January 22-24, 2026, Grades 9-12; Sign-up by **next Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Higher Things Conference in St. Louis—June 30-July 3, 2026, Grades 8-12; Sign-up by Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

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

# Faithfully Stewarding God's Gifts

## **Online Giving: Exciting Update! Did you know???**

You can now set up your tithing completely online! Follow the link or QR code to check out our secure, online giving platform. You can create recurring payments that happen at your convenience: one-time, weekly, or monthly. And better yet, you have complete control over any adjustments or modifications that need to be made at any time. Members are finding this to be a great way to stay up to date on their general fund pledges and their Extending Christ's Love pledges. Please reach out to Rachel Fohne with any questions or if you need assistance. Thank you for your generous support! Link for online giving: [secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2RE/campaign/C-125CF](https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2RE/campaign/C-125CF)



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

A donation to our St. Paul SGO directly benefits our Early Childhood Ministry by helping us fund our mission and ministry! When you donate to our St. Paul SGO, you are eligible to receive 50% of your donation back in the form of an Indiana tax credit!

### **Did you know???**

Donors who are 70 1/2 years old or older may transfer, tax-free, up to \$108,000 per year from their qualified IRA account to a nonprofit like The Lutheran SGO, designating the gift to St. Paul Early Childhood Ministry. A QCD acts as a tax-smart way to make charitable donations. To initiate a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD, also known as a Charitable Rollover), please reach out to Rachel Fohne for more information at 812-343-3786 or [financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org](mailto:financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org). You can also visit [www.lutheransgo.org](http://www.lutheransgo.org) for more information!

2025-2026 St. Paul SGO Fundraising Goal \$135,000

Amount Contributed as of September 30<sup>th</sup>: \$21,914

## Church Calendar

Today	<b>Reformation Sunday</b> <b>Groundbreaking Service</b> <i>Circuit Scholarship Fund Door Offering</i> <b>8:00 AM Festival Divine Service</b> 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM <b>9:30 AM Groundbreaking Service</b> 9:45 AM Extended Fellowship Time <b>10:45 AM Festival Divine Service— English and Spanish</b> Noon Lunch Noon-1:15 PM KfC Event 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 12:15 PM Youth Confirmation 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
Monday	9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10:00 AM Small Group Handbells 2:00 PM Small Group Grief Study
Wednesday	9:00 AM Bible Study <b>10:15 AM Matins Service</b> 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Sr. Handbells 7:00 PM Sr. Choir
Thursday	1:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit
Friday	<b>Reformation Day</b>
Saturday	<b>All Saints Day</b> <i>Set clocks back one hour before bed</i>
Next Sunday	<b>All Saints Sunday</b> <i>Mite Box Sunday</i> <b>8:00 AM Divine Service</b> 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM <b>10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish</b> Noon Lunch 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 12:15 PM Youth Confirmation 12:15 PM Choristers Rehearsal 12:45 PM Jr. Handchimes Rehearsal 1:15 PM Jr. Handbells Rehearsal 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

**THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER...** is available in the gathering space and online at [stpaulcolumbus.org](http://stpaulcolumbus.org).

**IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering:** Sharon Cline (surgery Tuesday), Darlene Bower (surgery Wednesday), Charlotte Williams, Marie Tellman, Marilyn Brown, Cheryal Hinds, Johnny Lagneau, Jim Roth, Jill Scheidt, Callan Jones, Gloria Schultz, Dennis Peters, Ray Cline, Karen Hendershot, Phyllis Fox, Nancy Lipka, Bob and Marilyn Runge, Pam Jenkins, Deb Larsen (Sariina Kalli's friend), Wanda Danos (Sandy Johnson's sister), Tom Beranek (Jennifer Seifer's grandfather), Allen Hart (Nikolai Haak's father-in-law), Curt Carothers, Mary Ann Foist (Don Strietelmeier's sister-in-law), Eric Risk (Renee Strietelmeier's brother), Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friend), Bobby Carney (Sperrys' friend), Mason Hinshaw (Mary Scheidt's friend), Sue Judd (Kathy Ownbey's mother), Lisa Williams (Ann Linke's niece/Jordan Patterson's aunt), Linda Dilk (Kim Chandler's grandmother), Tom Hinds (Jim Hinds' brother), Patricia and Katherine Leshkow (Karen Kruger's cousin and daughter), Franci Dilk (Kim Chandler's aunt), Jerry Maslowski (Sariina Kalli's father), Marilyn Gifford (Hinds' friend), Joan McDaniel (Sarah Gibson's grandmother), Valerie Bernunzio (Karen Kruger's niece), Bonnie Bayly (Karen Kruger's friend), Lisa McGaha (Don and Debbie Schroer's friend), Austyn Gordon (Gonsior's nephew), Amy Coombs (Darlene Bower's friend), Margaret Osmon (Nancy Dyer's sister), Paul Schultz (Gloria's son; Sandy Banister's brother), Cassie Murray (Jason and Laurie Schroer's friend), Tiffany Wilson (Karen Hendershot's cousin), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), Moe Humphrey (Ray and Pat Hall's friend), Ozzy Hentges (Kallis' friend), Kristina Hargitt (Kim Chandler's friend), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father), Annie Walton (Holly Wischmeier's coworker's daughter), William Leitshuh (Clearys' friend), Naomi Gillespie (Haaks' great-niece); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Noah Hoeltke, Evan Rickus, Shane McGowen (Sally Haak's nephew), Peyton Mullins (Sperrys' friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

**THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH...** are given to the glory of God in celebration of Reformation and Groundbreaking Sunday and in honor of Katie Arnholt's birthday.

**TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY...** is sponsored by Adam and Kristy Hall in thanksgiving for God's blessings of faith and family throughout 28 years of marriage.

**WE WELCOME...** Beverly Campbell into our family of faith at the 10:45 AM service this morning. May God richly bless Beverly as she gathers with us in this holy place to be strengthened by the true and living God, our mighty Fortress!

**2026 PLEDGES...** Please return your 2026 pledges by **next Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** if you have not already done so. Thanks for your faithful and generous support of the Lord's mission and ministry in this place.

### **SUNDAY LUNCHES...**

Today—Sloppy Joe/Hot Dogs—KfC Day  
Next Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>—Sandwich Bar  
November 9<sup>th</sup>—Spaghetti with meatballs  
November 16<sup>th</sup>—Chicken Nuggets—KfC Day

**FALL BACK...** Remember to set clocks back one hour before going to bed **this Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY...** is **next Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. In the Divine Services, we will celebrate that we are all God's saints even as we remember those from our church family who have entered into glory since the last All Saints Day. The Columbus Brass Quintet will enrich our services through special music.

**MOMS IN THE WORD...** meets **Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 10 AM at the church. Moms and children are invited to join us for devotions and fellowship.

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WORK DAY...** St. Paul serves the OGT by sorting donated items for distribution the first Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in volunteering, please join us on **Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** from 9 AM-noon. If you cannot attend, the need for volunteers is ongoing so volunteer anytime during their regular hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 AM-3 PM. Donations can be dropped off at any time at the trailer located on the east side of the warehouse.

**COMMUNION WAFER MAKING DAY...** You are invited to serve with us as we make Communion wafers on **Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** at 10:45 AM in the church kitchen.

**EUCHRE AND GAME NIGHT...** is **Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6 PM at the church. The free-will offering will support our Military Care Packages that will be mailed out in January or February. 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 pretty amazing. All are welcome!

**NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION...** God continues to bless our congregation with many new members. On **Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** 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!

**TRINITY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDBREAKING...** You are invited to Trinity's Groundbreaking and Founder's Day Celebration on **Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** from 2-4 PM as Trinity begins its expansion project.

**DIVINE SERVICE ON NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>...** On **Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**, we are hosting the Aurora Circuit Pastors Meeting. A Communion service will be offered at 10:30 AM with Pastor Fickenscher preaching. You are invited to attend this additional opportunity to worship and receive the Lord's Supper.

**BAKING FOR THE BUILDING AND SILENT AUCTION...** On **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** we will have our Baking for the Building event. Please consider donating baked goods for this fundraiser to benefit Extending Christ's Love. In addition, we will also have a Silent Auction. If you would like to donate items for the Silent Auction (crafts, themed gifts baskets, etc.), please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH...** Each month we support a mission of the month, which is highlighted in the monthly newsletter, through a \$1,000 donation. If you would like to recommend an organization to support, please submit it to a member of the Board of Stewardship (Rob Baltus, Carolyn Wilkerson, or Adam Scheidt) by **next Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**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 Zach Mathews at 812-603-9981 or zachmathews1@gmail.com.

**CRICUT MACHINE NEEDED...** To assist with making baptismal banners, we need a Cricut machine to cut the felt. If you have a machine that you are not using or willing to lend to the church, please contact Jan Hackman or the church office.

**KEEP Y4LIFE IN DC FREE...** Every January, Y4Life, the youth division of Lutherans for Life, offers a free conference in Washington, DC in conjunction with the March for Life. This conference continues to grow with more than 500 attendees last year. Please consider sponsoring the registration fee for one or more youth at \$90 per attendee. Donations may be made online at [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org) or by mail to Lutherans for Life, 1101 Fifth Street, Nevada, Iowa 50201. Please note that your donation is for "Y4Life in Washington, DC". If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Bauman.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>—New Member Recognition

Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>—Baking for the Building and Silent Auction

Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>—Annual Meeting; 5 PM Pitch-in Supper and 6 PM Meeting

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>—Advent Service of Song

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Family Fun Night; 3 PM Christmas Caroling; 5 PM Supper and Family activities including gingerbread house decorating

Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>—Las Posadas Celebration

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>—10:45 AM Children's Christmas Service (Rehearsal is December 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-10:30 AM)

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>—7 PM Christmas Concert; Pre-concert harp recital at 6:40 PM

**THANKS FROM...** We would like to thank all of you who supported us through the last few weeks, as we attended two family funerals. You showed us God's love and grace in so many ways. We rejoice that Jim's sister, Teresa, and Nora's brother-in-law, Rick, are in the arms of our Lord. May God's peace be with us all.

—Jim and Nora Cleary

**THANKS TO...** all who are serving on this Groundbreaking Sunday: the Sr. Choir, Sr. Handbells, Trumpeter Caleb Abshire, and Kantor Mau for enriching our services through music, to Tri-W for hosting the fellowship time, and to DCE Probst and our KfC youth counselors for the special activities for children and youth.

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

### **Last Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

Divine Service Attendance: **366**; Communion: **271**

Sunday School Attendance: **166**

General Fund: **\$11,841.50** Weekly Need: \$15,933

Extending Christ's Love: **\$288,531.28** including \$5,850 playground project; \$6 Harvest Mission

Radio Ministry: \$105

SGO Donations: \$75

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