



Oil for Your Lamp

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Columbus, Indiana

24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023

Welcome to St. Paul!

We are glad that you have come to God's house to be fed and strengthened by His holy Word. The order of service for today is printed on the **insert** in this bulletin. Guests, we extend a special welcome to you this morning. We are privileged to have you as our guest today and encourage you to worship with us again soon.

The Family Quiet Room and Restroom are located outside the doors of the sanctuary and to the left. In the Family Quiet Room, you can hear and see the service. **Assisted hearing devices** are available for the service. Please contact an usher.

Do you need prayer support? Please call Bonnie England at 812-392-2732 to activate our **Prayer Chain**. Your fellow church members will pray for you.

Our Communion Practice: Scripture teaches that the Lord's Supper is a meal for baptized believers where the bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, and that through this Sacrament God grants us the forgiveness of sins and strength for our faith. Holy Scripture reminds us in 1 Corinthians 11:27-34 that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm. It is out of love and care for each individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask that those who hold a different belief or church membership than that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are not instructed and confirmed in the faith, or doubt the presence of Christ and His power in the Sacrament to refrain from attending the Lord's Supper. Please respect our position of love in this matter of pastoral care and speak with a pastor with any questions regarding the Lord's Supper.

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) meet in the Nursery

Sunday School classes for ages three-sixth grade

Confirmation Instruction (grades 7-8) led by Pastor Patterson Sr. High Youth in the Youth Room

The Faith in Art led by Deaconess Fickenscher meets in the conference room

Connected to Christ in Worship led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

8 AM Service Acolyte: Owen Arnholt

10:45 AM Service Acolyte: Faith Wofford

Church Calendar

Today

8:00 AM Divine Service

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

New Member Recognition

10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish

Noon Lunch

Noon-1:15 PM KfC Event

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

12:15 PM Confirmation

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Monday

December Newsletter Deadline

Annual Meeting Reports Deadline

9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class

11:00 AM Small Group Handbells

7:00 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday

Circuit Pastors Meeting at St. Paul

10:30 AM Divine Service

Wednesday

9:00 AM Bible Study

6:00 PM Bible Study

6:00 PM Sr. Handbells

7:00 PM Sr. Choir

Saturday

8:00 AM Fall Clean Up

Next Sunday

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9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish

Noon Lunch

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

12:15 PM Confirmation

12:30 PM Jr. Handchimes

1:15 PM Jr. Handbells

1:45 PM Choristers

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTERS... are available in the gathering space and on the church website.

NOVEMBER KfC GATHERING... is **today** following the 10:45 AM service-1:15 PM. All children fifth grade and younger and invited to join us for lunch, devotions, fun, and faith-building activities as we look ahead to Advent.

2024 PLEDGES... Please return your pledges if you have not already done so. We thank you for your faithful support of the mission and ministry the Lord has entrusted to us.

175th Anniversary

**Preserving the Past – Embracing the Future
Centered in Christ**

Sunday, November 26—Hymn Festival: We are blessed with beautiful stained-glass windows in our sanctuary that tell the story of salvation from Christ's birth to His coming on the Last Day. November 26th is the Last Sunday in the church year when we celebrate the triumphant return of Christ the King. We will celebrate the entire church year, as well as the Reformation and the history of our church, using our eight stained glass windows as our focus of the service of song. Our Jr. Choir, Sr. Choir, and Sr. Handbells will enrich our services as we celebrate that Christ our King reigns forever. Please plan to attend and invite others.

Wednesday, December 6th—RFD-TV Filming Day: RFD-TV will be highlighting our church for their Christmas special. They will conduct interviews in the afternoon and will be recording our choirs and congregation before, during, and after the advent service. Pre-service music will be from 6:30-6:45 PM, and the service will begin at 6:45 PM.

Sunday, December 24th—Together as a Family Day: Adults and children will gather together for Sunday School. We will celebrate Christ's birth and have a special presentation on German Christmas customs. Plan to attend this time of learning and celebrating together with your church family.

IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering: Charlotte Williams, Dawn Deiwert, Sharon Cline, Kay Newton, Nora Cleary, Walter and Debby Rhodes, Jan Sherbundy, Gloria Schultz, Kathy Adams, Gayle Tertocha, Dorothy Hischke, Phyllis Fox, Kathy Hoover, Lewis Pollert (Bruce's brother), Nathan Spero (Cleary's nephew), Steven Alderson (Lisa's husband), Donna Glick (Marybeth Glick's mother-in-law), Bruce Lagneau (John's brother), Rena Dillman (Kris Taylor's friend), Andrew Hamm (Nikolai Haak's friend), Preston Humbel (Woffords' friend), Susan (Arnholt) Hornback, Henrietta Nyffeler, Jeff Dyer (Nancy Dyer's son), Brent Pavey (Dean and Donna Hartke's son-in-law), Charles Oliver (Corbin Oliver's grandfather), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), Janeen Blomenberg, Regan Hoevener (Kristy Hall's sister-in-law), CW Milam (Sandy Lagneau's brother), Ron and Dianne Hargraves (Carolyn Schuette's sister and brother-in-law), Naomi Gillespie (Haak's great-niece), Noah LaSpina (Renee Strietelmeier's friend); **Active Military:** Noah Hoeltke

NEW MEMBER WELCOME AND RECOGNITION... At the 10:45 AM service this morning, we welcome Paul, Sarah, Emma, and Lily Gibson into our family of faith. At the beginning of Sunday School, in addition to the Gibson family, we will also recognize Roger and Betty Fox and Brian, Chelsey, Logan, Luke, and Hayley Warren who have joined our congregation since May. We thank God for leading them to our family of faith and pray God's richest blessings upon them as they worship and serve with us.

SUNDAY LUNCH MENUS...

Today: Spaghetti; KfC Day

Next Sunday, November 19th: Sandwich Bar

November 26th: Pizza; Gingerbread dough making day

December 3rd: Latino families providing meal

ORGAN RECITAL... St. Peter's, Columbus invites you to an organ recital presented by Lindsey Fugill **today** at 3 PM. A freewill offering will be received.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER AND ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS DEADLINE... is **tomorrow, November 13th**.

SPECIAL COMMUNION SERVICE... This **Tuesday, November 14th**, we will be hosting the Aurora Circuit Pastors. A Communion service will be offered at 10:30 AM. You are invited to join the area pastors around God's Word and Sacrament.

FALL CLEAN UP... We will clean the church, education building, and grounds **this Saturday, November 18th** beginning at 8 AM. Please bring rakes, trimmers, and window cleaner. Please come as many hands make light work! Bad weather date will be Saturday, November 25th at 8 AM.

JR. CHOIR SINGS... **next Sunday, November 19th** at both services. Third-sixth graders will gather in the music room at 7:30 AM to rehearse.

INSTALLATION SERVICE... St. John's, White Creek invites you to the installation service of Pastor James Haugen as their pastor **next Sunday, November 19th** at 3 PM. A meal follows the service.

HAM AND TURKEY SUPPER... St. Paul, Dewberry invites you to their ham and turkey supper **next Sunday, November 19th** serving from 4-6 PM. The church address is 5588 East 900 South, Cross Plains, Indiana.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS... If you are a current subscriber, or would like a new subscription, please send in \$23.16 in your Lutheran Witness envelope or place a check in the offering plate with "Lutheran Witness" on the memo line. All orders need to be turned in by **next Sunday, November 19th**.

THANKSGIVING CHAPEL SERVICES... You are invited to join our early childhood ministry students for Thanksgiving chapel. Kindergarten and Little Doves chapel is **Monday, November 20th** and Little Lambs is **Tuesday, November 21st**. Both chapels begin at 8:20 AM.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE... On **Wednesday, November 22nd** 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 theme of the service is *I Am Content*.

THANKSGIVING SCHOOL SCHEDULE AND OFFICE HOURS... Thanksgiving vacation for the early childhood ministry is from Wednesday, November 22nd through Monday, November 27th. The church office will be closed Wednesday-Friday, November 22nd-24th. If you need pastoral care, please call one of the pastors directly.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY... meets **Thursday, November 30th** at 7 PM in the fellowship room. All women are invited to join us as we study *More Than Anything: Loving God More Than Anything Else*.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL APPAREL AND DECALS... Decals with our new logo are available for a freewill donation on the table in the gathering space. It's not too late to order church and school apparel. Forms are available on the table in the gathering space or you can place an order through the church or early childhood ministry Facebook pages.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES... Do you have a friend or family member serving in the military? St. Paul LWML would like to send Christmas cards and CARE packages to members of the armed forces. Please provide names and addresses to Sally Haak at mrs.haak@pax-domini.org

RFD-TV TO HIGHLIGHT OUR CHURCH... RFD-TV has chosen to highlight our church for their Christmas special. They will be sending a camera crew to record for a 30-minute program on **Wednesday, December 6th** featuring our choirs and interviews. The cost for this outreach opportunity is \$5,500. To reach this goal we need **\$3,050** in additional contributions. If you would like to donate to this endeavor, please use your designated offering envelope and indicate that your gift is for RFD-TV Special.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED... Our Hospice of South Central Indiana is looking for volunteers for various duties (baking, playing an instrument, pet therapy, companionship, etc.). For further information contact Angie Arnholt 812-603-9936.

2024 FLOWER AND RADIO MINISTRY CHARTS... are posted in the gathering space. The cost to sponsor our Sunday radio worship service and the Lutheran Hour is \$105.

The Response of God's People

Last Sunday, November 5th

Divine Service Attendance: **393** Communion: **304**

Sunday School Attendance: **194**

Offering: **\$12,483.28**

Needed Weekly: **\$14,426**

Additional Gifts: \$200 RFD-TV; \$138.96 *Lutheran Witness*

Subscriptions; \$100 Gladys Nolting SGO Memorial

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ECM Teachers: Anne Wiltsey (kindergarten); Jen Probst and Michelle Schultz (preschool)

ECM Assistants: Gayla Alesandro, Sarah Lewis, Glory Wofford, Amy Yeley, Jenna Green

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