

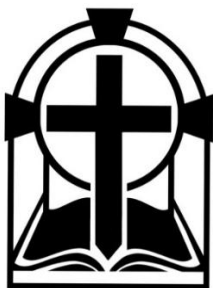
[Jesus said:] The kingdom
of God is like treasure
hidden in a field, which a
man found and covered up.
Then in his joy he goes and
sells all that he has and
buys that field.
Matthew 13:44



Treasure, Pearl, Fish

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod
Columbus, Indiana

Welcome to St. Paul!

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

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

Do you need prayer support? Please call Bonnie England at **812-447-7895** to activate our **Prayer Chain**. Your fellow church members will pray for you.

Our Communion Practice: We invite and encourage those who have been instructed, confirmed, and confess the faith of this congregation and other congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to receive the Sacrament. Communicants at this altar acknowledge their sins, believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, and desire the Spirit's help to turn from their sins.

Those who are not communing are invited to come forward and receive a blessing by placing their arms across their chest.

If you have questions regarding our Communion teaching and practice, please speak to a pastor.

Communion Preparation: To prepare for the Lord's Supper, you may wish to pray the prayer on the inside cover of the hymnal or review the Christian Questions and Answers on pages 329-330.

Today's Christian Education Opportunities

First Steps of Faith (Infants and Toddlers with a parent) meets in the conference room
KfC Sunday School for ages three-fifth grade meets in the third-fourth grade classroom
SPY and C4Life Youth (grades 6-12) meet in the youth room
Adult Class led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room

Serving Today

Organist: Nora Cleary

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Silas Lewis
10:45 AM Service Arayah Lutz

Church Calendar

Kantor Mau on vacation through August 1st

Pastor Patterson on vacation through July 29th

Pastor Bauman on vacation July 27th-August 2nd

Pastor Fickenscher on vacation July 27th-August 1st

Today

8:00 AM Divine Service

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

Monday

St. Paul Family Day at Holiday World

Wednesday

5:30 PM ECM Board Meeting

Thursday

1:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit

Next Sunday

Mite Box Sunday

8:00 AM Divine Service

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish—ECM Staff Dedication

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

6:30 PM ECM Parent Meeting

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY... is sponsored in memory of Nathan D. Scheidt, father of Colin and Tim Scheidt and Natalie Pollert.

THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH... are given by Steve and Jan Voelz in thanksgiving to God for our blessed marriage of 51 years.

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

+ August Newsletter

+ New edition of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*

HARVEST MISSION... All are welcome to bring surplus produce, plants, and flowers to the Harvest Mission table in the gathering space. Anyone can take from this table for a donation to St. Paul's food bank. Please contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142 for more information or to help.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE...

+ Rallying for Jax—Sign up to bring food for the benefit meal in the gathering space.

+ Sunday lunches for the fall semester.

+ Fellowship Hour Hosts

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Nun Bitten Wir (Hymn 768)—Buxtehude
The Heavens Declare—Marcello

Welcome and Announcements

Please complete the Record of Fellowship

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn

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Confession of Sins

please stand pages 184-185

Introit

Psalm 105:1-6

P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered, O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

G *(all sing—page 186)* **Glory be to the Father...**

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis

pages 186-189

Salutation and Collect for the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G *(sung)* **Amen.**

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

[Moses said:] "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set His love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that He swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:28-39

[Paul writes:] And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate

us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For Your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord..

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Triple Alleluia

please stand page 190

G (all sing) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

G (sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes." And He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G (sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles Creed

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Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

536 stanzas 1, 3-5

Sermon

Treasure, Pearl, Fish

Matthew 13: 44-52

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

please stand

Service of the Sacrament

pages 194-198

Distribution

620, 672 stanzas 1-3, 644, 619, 622

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

Closing Liturgy

please stand pages 199-202

Closing Hymn

672 stanza 4

Postlude

Psalms 19, The Heavens Declare—Marcello

Thanks to Nora Cleary for serving as organist this morning.

Pastor Erkkinen is serving at Faith Madison this morning as the pastoral vacancy concludes today.

Treasure, Pearl, Fish—Matthew 13:44-52

Three short parables, but Jesus doesn't explain the meaning of the first two parables—the parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price. Therefore, we must ask, "What do these parables mean? How are we to understand them?"

Parable of the Hidden Treasure

First Option: J _____ is the hidden treasure. We are to go looking for Him and f _____ Him and be willing to s _____ everything to obtain this treasure.

Second Option: J _____ is the treasure hunter, and I am His priceless t _____.

Jesus has f _____ me. It cost Him e _____, even His own life, to make me His own.

- Hebrews 12:2 teaches that Jesus considered it a j _____ to endure the cross for you.
- Christ's death redeems (to buy back) you, and as pays the ransom price to free you from sin, death, and the devil.
- In our Old Testament Reading, the Israelites are called God's "t _____ possession."
- How does our Epistle reading reveal that you are your Lord's priceless treasure now and for all eternity?

Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

First Option: J _____ is the pearl of great price. I am the merchant who searches and s _____ everything to buy this pearl.

Second Option: J _____ is the merchant searching for me, His p _____ of great price. He sells everything to make me His own.

- Under the Old Covenant, o _____ were unclean. The Israelites were forbidden to eat them.
- How does Jesus regard you as a pearl, as something precious and priceless even though you are unclean?

Parable of the Net

Jesus explains this parable. What does the net represent? Who are the good fish? The bad fish? What are the similarities between the Parable of the Net and the Parable of the Wheat and Weeds?

Next Sunday's Readings Isaiah 55:1–5; Romans 9:1–13; Matthew 14:13–21

LIVING THE SERMON... You are Christ's priceless treasure and His pearl of great price. Jesus gave everything to make you His own. In response, how can you treasure Him, the one thing needful, above all things? How can you use the earthly treasures He has given you to be about His kingdom work?

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Give thanks for Jesus who treasures you and who has found you and gave everything to make you His own. Pray to rightly treasure Jesus above all things and to sow the seed of the Word anywhere and everywhere so that many more people would be caught in the net of the Gospel and be saved.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *[The LORD declares:] Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come buy and eat!* Isaiah 55:1a

Rally Day is in Two Weeks!

Rally Day is in two weeks on **Sunday, August 9th** as we gather around the theme **God Is Our Designer and Builder**. Please plan to attend all the special events planned for this day and make the commitment to be in the Word so that God can continue to mold and shape you by His Spirit and build you up in the faith.

8 and 10:45 AM Divine Services celebrating God's Word and God's work through His Word.

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School Opening Devotion and Faith Milestones Presentation followed by Sunday School classes for all ages

Noon-2 PM Rallying for Jax Benefit Fundraiser. Support the Branaman family assisting with medical and transportation costs.

Noon-2 PM KFC meets (fifth grade and younger). Join us for devotions and fun activities

1 PM Youth and Parent Information Meeting for upcoming conferences. Youth and parents are encouraged to meet with DCE Probst for more information about the Y4Life Conference in Washington, DC in January (grades 9-12) and the Higher Things Conference (grades 8-12) this summer.

1:30 PM Youth Choirs Parent Meeting. Parents of children and youth who want to learn more about our youth and children's choirs are invited to meet with Kantor Mau in the music room.

3-5 PM SPY (grades 9-12) and C4Life (grades 6-8) swimming party and cookout at Lutheran Lake Lot 89. Need a ride? Contact DCE Probst. We will leave church at 2:30 PM and return at 5:30 PM.

Sign Your Name and Be a Part of History: On Rally Day, you are invited to go into the future Christian Education Center and sign your name on the area where the altar area will be in the Christian Education Center (future location of Spanish worship services, Jesus Time and music during the school days). Our signatures will then be covered by the altar step/chancel platform when it is constructed. We did the same thing 18 years ago under the chancel/altar area when our church was being built. Opportunities to sign your name will be before and after Sunday School (9:15-9:30 and 10:30-10:45) and after the 10:45 AM service.



A Note from Pastor Bauman

Today we rejoice with God's people at Faith Lutheran in Madison as Travis Hartman is ordained and installed as their pastor. I am so thankful for all who served here at Clifty so that we could fill the gap between Pastor Pflug's retirement and Pastor Hartman's ordination and installation: for Pastor Fickenschier serving as Faith's vacancy pastor and coordinating the services, visitations, and attending meetings at Faith, to Kantor Mau for leading the majority of the adult Sunday School sessions this summer to allow us pastors to serve at Faith, for Pastor Erkinen for his assistance with the vacancy, and for the staff and elders who also served in additional ways these past months. The word "synod" literally means "on the road together" or "walking together." Serving area congregations with pastoral vacancies is one way that we walk together, caring for and serving our brothers and sisters in Christ.

As we near the end of summer, I want to thank everyone who has served in so many ways through our Neighborhood Information Distribution, Vacation Bible School, taco barn at the fair, and rummage sales. Many Gospel seeds have been sown for which I am thankful. I am thankful for you and for your ongoing prayers for our church and your faithful service.

I am looking forward to Rally Day and the beginning of the school year and confirmation instruction. I pray that you will make the commitment to be in God's Word through Sunday School, midweek Bible classes, or small group studies that we will be rolling out this fall.

It is an exciting season in our life together here at St. Paul. We are extremely blessed. May we continue to be rooted, formed, and built up by God's powerful and saving Word.

Extending Christ's Love

"For I am sure that...nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39). It is this unconditional, sacrificial, eternal love of God that we have received and that we extend to others in word and deed. In love, Jesus gave His all for us to find us and make us His own. This summer we had many opportunities to extend Christ's love through Vacation Bible School, Neighborhood Information Outreach, and Latino outreach events. We look forward to the beginning of the school year, Rally Day, and the resumption of midweek Bible studies, confirmation instruction, and Homeschool Religion classes so that the love of God in Christ can reach more people, and by God's grace they trust in Him and abide in that love for all eternity. By your support for Extending Christ's Love, you are creating a space and place for the Word to be shared and Christ's love to be extended for generations to come.



The Catalog of Needed Items gives you the opportunity to support Extending Christ's Love above your 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.

Thanks for your generous support of Extending Christ's Love. Thanks to all who donated items for the Rummage Sale and who served before and during the sale. Please continue to pray for this endeavor and for those who will be blessed through the ministry that will occur in the Christian Education Center.

Youth Events

St Paul Family Day at Holiday World—Tomorrow, July 27th

We are looking forward to a wonderful time at Holiday World tomorrow. DCE Probst will meet participants at the group ticket counter (452 E. Christmas Blvd, Santa Claus, IN) by 9 AM (Central time) to distribute tickets.

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Sunday, August 9th Rally Day Noon-2 PM

Please join us for the benefit luncheon for the Branaman family followed by devotions and fun Rally Day activities. Due to the benefit luncheon, KfC will meet until 2 PM.

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

Friday, August 7th Family Game Night 6-8:30 PM

Youth are invited, along with their families, to join in a night of game playing. Participants are invited to join a Euchre tournament, play board games, or enjoy another activity. Please bring a snack to share. A free-will offering is available to support a ministry.

Sunday, August 9 Rallying for Jax and Informational Meeting for 8-12th Graders and their families

Support fellow SPY Youth Jax Branaman by attending, serving, and/or bringing food to the benefit meal. At 1 PM, there will be an Informational Meeting for all youth interested in attending Y4Life in Washington, DC in January (grades 9-12) and Higher Things in July 2027 (grades 8-12).

Sunday, August 9th Swimming, Food, Fun, and Fellowship at Lutheran Lake 3-5 PM

Come join us as we celebrate Rally Day by having water fun at Lutheran Lake. The Price family are hosting this event at 13000 West Cedar Tree Drive, Lot 89, Seymour, Indiana 47274. Please bring swim gear and sunscreen. A light dinner will be grilled up by Eric and Linda Scheidt. Carpooling is available leaving from church at 2:30 PM and returning at 5:30 PM. Please contact DCE Probst if you would like to carpool.



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 that the steel has gone up on the Christian Education Center, it 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!

As of June 1st, we have begun 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

IN OUR PRAYERS... Congregations with Pastoral

Vacancies Trinity Dillsboro who extended a call to Pastor Kyle Richardson; Pastor-elect Travis Hartman who will be ordained and installed today at Faith Madison; **Sick and Recovering:** Barbara Hughes, Arayah Lutz, Marie Tellman, Art Ramsey, Dee Schurman, Jax Branaman, Jennifer Jeffares, Phyllis Fox, Renee Strietelmeier, Doug Brown, Riley Walton, Jill Scheidt, Nancy Meyer (Megan Mathews' mother), Jim Zeleniuk (Doug and Rhodie Brown's friend), Grayson Harker (Irene Shireman's friend), Liz Hettig (Evelyn Pence and Don Strietelmeier's niece), Jan Forbes (Greg Forbes' mother), Skye Spears (Sharon Templeton's granddaughter), Anthony Jaynes (Toni Howarth's father), Gloria Olness and Evelyn Sapper

Amount Raised as of June 30, 2026 \$100

(Nora Cleary's sisters), Katy Garza (Clearys' niece), Lynn Ramberg, Ty Ramberg, Deb Larsen, and Ozzy Hentges (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)

ORDINATION TODAY... Your brothers and sisters in Christ at Faith Madison invite you to the ordination and installation service of Travis Hartman **this afternoon** at 4 PM. A celebratory meal follows the service.

PASTORS OUT OF TOWN... This Monday-Wednesday, July 27-29 all three pastors will be out of town. Pastor and Tammy Patterson are in Virginia today for their grandson Samuel's baptism, returning on Wednesday. Pastor Fickenscher is leaving tomorrow for family time and to attend the LCMS National Hispanic Convention in Irvine, California, returning on Saturday. Pastor and Michelle Bauman will be enjoying family time with Nathaniel, Abby, and Simeon this week, returning next Sunday, August 2nd. If you need pastoral care Monday-Wednesday of this week, please contact Pastor Erkinen at 314-313-5795 or your elder.

ECM STAFF INSTALLATION... At the 10:45 AM service **next Sunday, August 2nd**, our early childhood ministry staff will be installed for the 2026-2027 school year. Please pray for our school, those who serve, and the students and families that we will serve this coming school year.

ECM PARENT MEETING... is **next Sunday, August 2nd** at 6:30 PM in the fellowship room. Childcare is available upon request. Please contact DCE Probst if needed.

OPENING CHAPELS... You are invited to join our school children and their families for chapel on the first day of school and throughout the school year. All chapels begin at 8:20 AM. Here is the first day of school chapel schedule:

- + Kindergarten—Monday, August 3rd
- + Little Doves—Monday, August 17th
- + Little Lambs—Tuesday, August 18th

ST PAUL OGT WORKDAY... is **Tuesday, August 4th** 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.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY AND MATINS... are on summer recess through July, resuming on **Wednesday, August 5th**. The morning class meets at 9 AM and is studying Romans. Matins begins at 10:15 AM. The evening class begins at 6 PM and is studying Isaiah. All are welcome to join us for Bible study and worship!

LWML GAME NIGHT... is **Friday, August 7th** beginning at 6 PM. This is open to congregation members and friends of all ages, and it is not limited to just the game

of euchre. Other card games and board games are available, and there is never a shortage of good food and fun fellowship.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD... Our adult and youth choirs will resume rehearsals in August. We invite all to join us. For more information, contact Kantor Mau.

Sr. Handbells rehearse on Wednesdays at 6 PM beginning August 12th.

Sr. Choir rehearses Wednesdays at 7 PM beginning August 12th.

Small Group Handbells rehearse Mondays at 10 AM beginning August 17th.

Jr. Choir and Children's Choir rehearse during the Sunday School hour.

Choristers rehearse Sundays at 12:15 PM beginning on Sunday, August 16th.

Jr. Handchimes rehearse Sundays at 12:45 PM beginning on Sunday, August 16th.

Jr. Handbells rehearse Sundays at 1:15 PM beginning on Sunday, August 16th.

HOMESCHOOL RELIGION CLASS... is offered for children in first-sixth grades for those in our church family and community. The class meets Mondays at 10 AM beginning on **Monday, August 17th**. For more information, please contact Pastor Bauman.

RALLYING FOR JAX... We continue to pray for Jax Branaman, his parents Rusty and Holly, and their family, as Jax is receiving aggressive treatment for cancer. To assist the family with medical expenses and transportation to and from Riley Children's Hospital for treatments, we will sponsor a fundraising meal on Rally Day, **Sunday August 9th**, serving from noon-2 PM. The menu includes pulled pork, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, coleslaw, applesauce, chips, desserts, and drinks. A freewill offering will be received.

Food Donations: We need many volunteers to donate food. Please sign up in the gathering space.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY SALE... Lisele Bockes is hosting an ongoing Christmas in July sale at her house (3445 30th Street, Columbus). Stop by anytime and shop. All proceeds benefit Extending Christ's Love.

ECM REGISTRATION... A few openings remain in the Lambs (3-year-olds) class and one opening remains in the kindergarten classes for the 2026-2027 school year. The Doves (4-year-olds) class is full, and a waitlist has begun. Information can be found on the church website, the flyers in the gathering space or by contacting Director Jen Probst.

The Response of God's People

Sunday, July 12th

Divine Service: **365**

Communion: **275**

Sunday, July 19th

Divine Service: **257**

Communion: **205**

Offering

The offering report for Sunday, July 19th will be included in next Sunday's bulletin.



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Reaching out with Christ's Love to Serve and Grow