



*Grace Upon Grace
to Mary and Martha*

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 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)
Sunday School classes for ages three-sixth grade
Confirmation Instruction (grades 7-8) led by Pastor Patterson
Sr. High Youth in the Youth Room led by DCE Probst
Bible Study meets in the fellowship room studying the Nicene Creed

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Henry Seifer
10:45 AM Service Lane Gilmore

Church Calendar

Today	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 SPY and C4Life Fill Easter Eggs 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 1:30 PM Back 9 Golf Family Event 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
Monday	9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10:00 AM Small Group Handbells 6:00 PM Finance Committee 7:00 PM Council Meeting
Tuesday – Thursday	Kindergarten Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday	9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service 5:30 PM Supper 5:30 PM Sr. Handbells 6:30-6:45 PM Hymn Sing 6:45 PM Lenten Service 7:45 PM Sr. Choir
Thursday	1:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit
Next Sunday	Palm Sunday <i>Children Process with Palms at Both Services</i> 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 Easter Egg Hunt Noon Lunch 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 12:30 PM Youth Confirmation 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

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Prelude

Sr. Handbells: *My Song Is Love Unknown*—T. Stults

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn

430

Litany

please stand page 288

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." Then He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:1-11

[Paul writes:] There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the

flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Due to the length of today's Gospel reading, please remain seated.

Verse of the Day

spoken together

G **I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.**

Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the eleventh chapter.

G **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, he whom You love is ill." But when Jesus heard it He said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when He heard that Lazarus was ill, He stayed two days longer in the place where He was. Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and are You going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." After saying these things, He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." The disciples said to Him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Now when Jesus came, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to Him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met Him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in His spirit and greatly troubled. And He said, "Where have you laid

him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that You sent Me." When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what He did, believed in Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

552 stanzas 1, 9, 10, and 4

Sermon

Grace Upon Grace to Mary and Martha

John 11:1-45

Nicene Creed

please stand page 191

Prayer of the Church

Offering

543

Service of the Sacrament

pages 194-198

Distribution

436, 440 stanzas 1-5, 752, 741

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

Closing Liturgy

please stand pages 199-202

Closing Hymn

440 stanza 6

Postlude

Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi, Werk 9 (I-Maestoso)—H. Schroeder

Holy Week Services and Special Events

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 29th

8 and 10:45 AM Divine Service with *children procession of palms*

Noon Easter Egg Hunt—March KfC Event

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

6:45 PM Divine Service concluding with the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 3rd

10 AM Morning Service *ECM students and Sunday School Children second grade and younger sing*

10:45-11:30 AM Together as Family Activities in the Fellowship Room

10:45 AM-2 PM SPY and C4Life Service, Lunch, and Activities

6:45 PM Divine Service concluding with the Service of Darkness

Easter Sunday, April 5th

7, 9, and 10:45 AM Festival Divine Service with *children procession of Alleluia Banners*

7:30-9:45 AM Easter Breakfast Served by Youth Families

No Christian Education Classes on Easter

Grace Upon Grace to Mary and Martha

What words reveal Martha and Mary's intense grief and disappointment?

Jesus' delay in coming to Bethany reveals that He is the r_____ and the l_____ and that He has power over d_____ and the g_____.

When Jesus sees Mary and Martha and the other mourners grieving, He also w_____.

The resurrection is not only an event, but a p_____ : the God-man Jesus Christ!

Because we belong to Jesus, the following is true: we d_____, but we never d_____.

By raising Lazarus, Jesus is preparing His disciples for what about is about to occur in J_____.

The word "cemetery" means "r_____ p_____".

How is a cemetery God's field?

As believers, we mourn the deaths of those we love, but we grieve in h_____.

Wednesday's Readings *Grace Upon Grace to Naomi and Ruth*— Ruth 1:1-18, 22; 2:1-13; 3:1-11; 4:13-17

Next Sunday's Readings—Palm Sunday *Grace Upon Grace to the Centurion*

John 12:12-19; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 27:11-66

LIVING THE SERMON... 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 states: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our sorrows, so that we can comfort those in their sorrows with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." By God's design, we are to receive comfort in our sorrow from our brothers and sisters in Christ and comfort those we know who are grieving. If you are grieving, do not grieve alone. Reach out to your family of faith to pray for, support, and encourage you. If you know someone who is grieving, pray for them and look for opportunities to serve and support them.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Give thanks for Jesus the resurrection and the life who has given you eternal life and will raise your body on the Last Day. Pray for those who grieve that they would be comforted. As we near Holy Week, pray that many would come to God's house and that faith in the one who is the resurrection and the life would be created and strengthened.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!* John 12:13b

Thrivent Members—Choice Dollars Designation

Thrivent members are given Choice Dollars to designate to their church or some other nonprofit organization. Choice Dollars expire **Tuesday, March 31st**. If you are a Thrivent member, please do one of the following:

Online: Go to thrivent.com and designate your Choice Dollars to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Columbus, Indiana.

Phone: Call 1-800-847-4836 during regular business hours. When prompted by the automated service, say "Thrivent Choice". Provide your phone number and date of birth to verify your account. You will then be connected to a customer service representative who will assist you in directing your Choice Dollars to our congregation.

If you have questions, please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946 or Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786.

Youth Events

All Youth Families—Upcoming Youth Fundraiser

Easter Sunday, April 5th—Easter Breakfast

The sign-up sheet for Easter breakfast is posted in the gathering space. Youth families please sign up to bring a breakfast casserole or other food items needed for the Easter breakfast. Breakfast casseroles should be brought cooked and hot to the church kitchen by 7:30 AM on Easter Sunday. All other donations should be delivered to the church kitchen by Good Friday at 10 AM.



KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 29th—Procession of Palms and Easter Egg Hunt

Children are invited to process with palms at either service. Please arrive in the gathering space ten minutes before the service.

Families are invited to go to the Fellowship Room after the 10:45 AM worship service for devotions and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Good Friday, April 3rd—Together as Family Day

Following the 10 AM Good Friday service, please join us in the fellowship room for activities from 10:45-11:30 AM that will reinforce the significance of this day and build on our *Grace Upon Grace* Lenten theme. The early childhood ministry children and Sunday School children second grade and younger will be singing at the 10 AM service.

Easter Sunday, April 5th—Alleluia Banner Procession

Children are invited to process with Alleluia Banners at the 7, 9, or 10:45 AM service. Please arrive in the gathering space ten minutes before the service.

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

Today, March 22nd—Fill Easter Eggs and Back 9 Golf Outing

Sixth graders and SPY youth are invited to stay for lunch and then to fill Easter eggs with candy while the seventh and eighth graders are in confirmation class.

SPY and C4Life youth, friends, and family are invited to join us for fun and fellowship at Back 9 Golf. Meet in the gathering space at 1:30 PM. Bring money for snacks and drinks. We will return to church at 6 PM.

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 29th—Hide Easter Eggs

Youth who attend the 8 AM service are invited to hide Easter eggs during the 10:45 AM service.

Good Friday, April 3rd—Servant Event, Lunch, and Fellowship

Youth are encouraged to attend the 10 AM Good Friday service. After the service, youth will assist with Together as Family, set-up for the Easter breakfast, enjoy lunch together, and participate in fun and fellowship in the afternoon. Pick-up is at 2 PM.

Easter Sunday, April 5th—Serve Easter Breakfast

Youth and families should plan to assist with serving and cleanup for the Easter breakfast. Youth attending the 7 AM service are encouraged to serve after the service. Youth attending the 9 and 10:45 AM services are encouraged to serve before they attend worship.

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

Opportunities to Serve

EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN-UP... The sign-up sheet for the Easter breakfast is posted in the gathering space. Please consider supporting our youth ministry by bringing a breakfast casserole or donating food items.

VBS CRAFTS DONATION NEED... A craft being planned for Vacation Bible School is to make a replica of Solomon's Temple using shoe boxes. We are collecting ALL sizes of shoe boxes. Empty toilet paper rolls are needed as well. You may place these items in the box in the gathering space indicating VBS Donations. Anyone interested in helping with VBS Crafts please contact Vicki Howarth, 812-343-6967 via text or call; or email at dvhwarth@comcast.net. Thank you!

JUST FRIENDS DONATION DRIVE... Just Friends adult day services is seeking items for their annual donation drive. Your generosity helps provide a welcoming day center where people can connect, engage, and be truly valued. The most needed items are paper towels, napkins, peanut butter and jelly, and Folgers coffee. A longer list is on the poster of the donation box which is in the gathering space until **next Sunday, March 29th**.

Stewarding HIS Gifts

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. If you have a question about donating to St. Paul, please reach out to Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786 or rachel.fohne@stpaulcolumbus.org.

Extending Christ's Love Pledges

Do you need a reminder about what you pledged for Extending Christ's Love, or do you need an update on how much you have already donated? Fulfilling your Extending Christ's Love pledge is an essential part of our overall financial plan for the project. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Financial Updates

The Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) rules allow IRA owners to make a direct transfer from their IRA to a qualified charity without including the distribution in taxable income. Eligible individuals may contribute up to \$111,000 in 2026 directly from their IRA to a charitable organization such as St. Paul Lutheran Church. These transfers can also be applied toward satisfying their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year. Please consult with your tax advisor about your specific situation. A QCD from an IRA can be an excellent way to give to St. Paul.

More Ways to Give

Did you know? 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. As always, please consult with your tax advisor about your specific situation.

St Paul Scholarship Granting Organization

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

A donation to our St. Paul Lutheran SGO directly benefits our Early Childhood Ministry by helping us fund our mission and ministry! Why donate to our Lutheran SGO? 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!

2025-2026 St. Paul SGO Fundraising Goal: \$135,000 Amount Raised as of February 28, 2026: \$92,753

IN OUR PRAYERS... Birthday: Ray Cline's 90th birthday on Friday; **Sick and Recovering:** Jennie Loyd, Phyllis Fox, Julia Bense, Henry Wischmeier, Doug Essex, Danny Johnson, Doug Brown, Riley Walton, Katrina Smith, Sheila Shaffer, Marie Tellman, Gloria Schultz, Joan Wilcox, Beverly Neawedde, Gerald Helt, Jill Scheidt, Bob and Marilyn Runge, Lisa McGaha (Don and Debbie Schroer's friend), Katy Garza (Clearys' niece), Al and Pat Abrams (Pam Roth's brother and sister-in-law), Evan Dunn (Oliver's friend), Sherri Heath (Sally Haak's sister), Michelle Matthews (Ray and Pat Hall's niece), Steve Kennedy (Ray and Pat Hall's friend), Amy Coombs (Darlene Bower's friend), Sam Straub (Kathy Adams' nephew), Lynn Ramberg, Ty Ramberg, Deb Larsen, and Ozzy Hentges (Kallis' friends), Connie Ball, Lisa Williams (Ann Linke's niece/Jordan Patterson's aunt), Pastor Craig Wulf and Jesse Lopez (John and Gail Jones' friends), Lori Lucas (Katrina Smith's friend), Mary Putz (Anne Wiltsey's mother), Curt Carothers, Marcia Carson and Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friends), Jami Maher (Joanne Kirby's niece), Bob McDonald (Wendy Wiederhoeft's father), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father), William Leitshuh (Clearys' friend), Marilyn Gifford (Hinds' friend); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Bryce Cleery (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)

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

- + April newsletter, also available online
- + 2025 Contribution Statements
- + April-June *Portals of Prayer*
- + New edition of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*

TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY... is sponsored to the glory of God by Paul and Lisa Wendel.

BASKET SILENT AUCTION... The LWML is sponsoring a Silent Auction benefiting Extending Christ's Love. Check out and bid on the baskets on display in the fellowship room. The auction concludes **this Wednesday, March 25th**.

SUNDAY LUNCHESES...

Today: Latino Families Hosting
Next Sunday, March 29th: Spaghetti and Meatballs
April 5th: No Lunch Served—Easter
April 12th: Sandwich Bar

LEFTOVER ITEMS CLEANUP... Please look over items in the coat room and dishes in the southwest corner of the kitchen and take them home. Remaining items not picked up by 1 PM TODAY will be donated to Orphan Grain Train. Thank you for helping us spruce up our church in preparation for our Easter celebration!

THE FINAL WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE... is **this Wednesday, March 25th** at 6:45 PM as we focus on the theme *Grace Upon Grace to Naomi and Ruth*. The service will be preceded by a hymn sing from 6:30-6:45 PM.

Supper will be served from 5:30-6:15 PM by the LWML. The menu taco bar and desserts. The freewill offering will benefit LWML mission projects, and the basket silent auction benefiting Extending Christ's Love.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION OF PALMS... is **next Sunday, March 29th**. All children are invited to participate. Please arrive in the gathering space ten minutes before the service.

EASTER BREAKFAST... will be served by youth families from 7:30-9:45 AM. Please enjoy breakfast after the 7 AM service or before the 9 and 10:45 AM services. The menu is ham and sausage casseroles (gluten free/dairy free options available), biscuits and gravy, pastries, fruits, and drinks. The freewill offering benefits our youth ministry.

MEN'S GATHERING... is **April 9th-12th** at Camp Lakeview. The theme is *Guarding our First Charge* with speakers Dr. Donna Harrison and Indiana LCMS District President Richard Stuckwisch. For more information or to register, visit mensgathering.us.

COLUMBUS ZONE SPRING LWML GATHERING... is **Saturday, April 11th** at St. John's Lutheran Church, White Creek. Registration and breakfast will begin at 9 AM, with a program to follow and a luncheon to close the gathering.

ECM CARNIVAL... The Early Childhood Ministry Board is hosting a CARnival on **Saturday, May 2nd** from 2-4 PM. This year's CARnival will have a Hawaiian theme. The ECM board is seeking volunteers to host a booth at the event. Booths may include a fun activity or game; prizes will be provided. Please contact Andrea Cotton to sign up for a booth at 812-344-4580 or amorris1525@gmail.com.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY... The Board of Education is looking for individuals who would be interested in hosting a small group. Small groups are great ways for people to strengthen their relationship with Christ through Bible study and build relationships with others in a smaller setting. Small group leaders will be supported with topical resources, church staff guidance, and much more. Please contact Crista Burbrink, Chad Fohne, Sarah Lewis, or Jen Probst for more information.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL... It is important for God's people to always have opportunities to grow in their faith through the study of God's Word. At St. Paul, we are blessed to continue hosting Sunday morning Bible study throughout the summer months. During the summer, Sunday school classes are generally combined into two groups: Elementary (preschool-fifth grade) and Jr/Sr High (sixth-twelfth grade). We are looking for individuals who would be willing to serve as teachers for either of these groups during the summer. A sign-up sheet is located in the gathering space for volunteers to sign up for one or more teaching sessions. Lessons will be provided to those who sign up.

ECM REGISTRATION... *Help us promote our school!* All registration is online so encourage families to visit the church website (stpaulcolumbus.org) to learn more and to register. Families are also invited to tour our school.

The Little Doves class (four-year-olds) is currently full and a waiting list has started, but openings remain in the Little Lambs and Kindergarten classes. Please contact Director Jen Probst (812-376-6504; director@stpaulcolumbus.org) for more information.

TEACHERS NEEDED... Trinity Lutheran High School is seeking a full-time math teacher and a full or part-time science teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and resume to Principal Clayton Darlage at cdarlage@trinitycougars.org.

THANKS TO... the board of evangelism and spouses for serving the Lenten supper on Wednesday.

The Response of God's People

Wednesday, March 11th

Lenten Service: **121**

Sunday, March 15th

Divine Service: **329**

Communion: **254**

Sunday School: **129**

Offering

General Fund: **\$27,202.48**

Weekly Need: \$17,721

Extending Christ's Love: **\$20,777.27**

Radio Ministry: \$125

Food Pantry: ECM Chapel Offering \$187

ECM Scholarships: \$381 Lenten Meal Proceeds



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ECM Teachers: Anne Wiltsey (kindergarten); Michelle Schultz, Alyssa Schultz, Glory Wofford (preschool)

ECM Assistants: Gayla Alesandro, Sarah Lewis, Laurie Schultz,

Claudia Sims, Caroline Wilcox, Amy Yeley

Reaching out with Christ's Love to Serve and Grow