



Run the Race

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 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 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

The adult class is led by Pastor Erkkinen as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country.

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Faith Fohne

10:45 AM Service Henry Glick

Church Calendar

Kantor Mau on vacation tomorrow-Saturday

Today	250 th USA Anniversary Celebration and Recognition of Veterans 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 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
Tuesday	9:00 AM-Noon Orphan Grain Train Workday
Wednesday	9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service
Thursday-Saturday	Bilingual VBS at Woodlawn Mobile Home Park
Saturday	Church Reserved
Next Sunday	<i>Latino Outreach Worship and Fellowship at Brown County State Park</i> 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School/KfC Event 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 10:45 AM Divine Service Noon Lunch and VBS Decorating 4:00 PM Moms Night Out 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH... are given by Don and Virginia Coffey in thanksgiving to God for their 47 years of marriage.

TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY... is sponsored by Ann Linke in memory of her husband Jerry's birthday on July 4th.

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

+ July-September *Portals of Prayer*

+ New edition of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*

AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE... is **Monday, July 13th**.

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.

The Order of Divine Service

Prelude

Cello Duet—Aaron Laws and Jesse Wofford

Welcome and Announcements

Please complete the Record of Fellowship.

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn

God of Our Fathers

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all the starry band.
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies: Our grateful songs before Your throne arise.
Your love divine has led us in the past; In this free land by You our lot is cast;
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen ways.
From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence Make Your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase; Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
Refresh Your people on their toilsome way; Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with heav'n born love and grace Until at last we meet before Your face.

Confession of Sins

please stand

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

C Amen.

P Let us pray. Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 33 (selected verses)

P Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

C For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.

P Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

C For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.

P The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He frustrates the plans of the peoples.

C The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.

P Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

C The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

P The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

C Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hymn of Praise

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Salutation and Collect for the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and He shall speak peace to the nations; His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 7:14-25a

[Paul writes:] For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

please stand and speak together

C **Alleluia! Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

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

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

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles Creed

C I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen. *please be seated*

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Run the Race

1 Corinthians 9:16-24

Sermon Text 1 Corinthians 9:16-24

[Paul writes] For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.

Offering

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Recognition of Those Who Served

P Let us give thanks to God for this land with all its chartered liberties:

C We give You thanks, O God.

P For leaders in nation and state and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

C We give You thanks, O God.

P For those who served their country, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

C We give You thanks, O God.

+ Deceased; * Buried in St. Paul Cemetery; MIA Missing in Action

Civil War

Christopher Heinrich Nolting +* Johann Karl Heinrich Nolting +

World War I

Edward Arnholt +*	Elmer Arnholt +	Henry Arnholt, Jr. +*	Otto Arnholt +
Peter Daum +*	George Fischer +*	Jessie Fischer +*	Carl Nolting +
Henry Nolting Sr. +*	Marcus Nolting Sr. +*	Carl Reinking +*	Frank Runge Sr. +*
Clarence Scheidt +	Clifford Scheidt +	Martin Schulz +*	William Siekmann +*
Alfred Steinkamp +*	Ernest Tucker +*	Alfred Wehmeier +	Carl Wehmeier +
Elmer Wehmeier +	Carl Wichman +	William Wichman +	

World War II

Carl Arnholt +*	Edwin Arnholt +*	Francis Arnholt +*	Louis Arnholt +*
Paul Arnholt +	Walter Arnholt +*	Ken Christopher +	Lillie Mae Christopher +
Wayne Coy +*	June Coy +*	Gerald Davis +*	Mirko Drnjevic +*
Robert Eggersman +*	Alvin Fischer +*	Henry Fischer +	Karl Forster +*
Paul Forster +*	Earl Grayson +	Reuben Hartke +*	Virginia Hartke +*
Don Heiwig +*	Wilbur Hoeltke +*	Miles Kirchner +	Glenn Krieg +*
John Meier +*	Ray Miller +*	Robert Nau +*	Earl Nolting +*
Marcus Nolting +*	Morris Nolting +	Ross Osborn +	Harry Peters +
Raymond Reed +*	Frank Runge Jr. +*	Francis Scheidt + MIA	Herschel Scheidt +
Edwin Schuette +	Walter Terkhorn +*	Leonard Urbahns +*	Robert Zurbrugg +*

Service Men and Women

Raymond Arnholt	Richard Arnholt +*	Marvin Boggs	Doug Brown
Jim Cleary	Ray Cline	Don Coffey	Michael Curry +*
Randy Dettmer +	Robert Donica	Larry England	Michael England
Wilbur England	Pastor Eric Erkkinen	George Forster +*	Lynn Forster
Jerry Foster	Andrew Gossett	Mark Grimes	Mary Hackman +*
Ray Hall	Wil Harner +*	Matthew Hartke	Gerald Helt
Jim Hinds	Noah Hoeltke	Ron Hoenener +*	Glenn Hughes
Tom Jackson	Danny Johnson	John Jones	Sariina Kalli
Art Killey +*	Larry Kitchin +	Mike Koester +*	David Lange +*
Harold Loyd, Jr.	Garrett McGaha	Paul Meier	Ron Neawedde
Delano Newkirk	Jim Newton +	Carl Nienaber +*	Don Nolting +*
Max Nolting +*	Seth Patterson	Ben Pence +*	Garrett Pevlor
Jim Probst +	Brian Purdue	Art Ramsey	Matthew Runge
Robert Runge +*	John Sasse	Colin Scheidt	Don Scheidt +
Royce Schuette +	John Schnur +*	Dean Schroer +*	David Schwartzkopf +
David Shaffer	Pastor William Stache +*	Don Strietelmeier	John Tellman +
Elizabeth Tucker	Lorraine Whitson	Richard Wilcox +*	Gene Wint
Mike Yeley			

☞ *(please stand)* Let us pray. O almighty God and most merciful Father, we remember these Your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength. Help us to be faithful citizens of this land, loving You and serving our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

Prayers for our Nation and Church

- P** Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from Your gracious hand. We come before You today in heartfelt appreciation for the 250 years of blessing upon our nation and its people.
- C** **We thank You for enabling us to worship You in freedom and to serve You without fear.**
- P** You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.
- C** **For all these blessings, we praise and glorify You.**
- P** Look with favor upon our nation and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.
- C** **Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.**
- P** Strengthen our economy and our financial institutions. Bless our fields with sunshine and rain in due season that they may produce an abundant harvest. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.
- C** **Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on You.**
- P** Strengthen the homes of our nation. We rejoice as Don and Virginia Coffey celebrate their 47th wedding anniversary. By Your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.
- C** **Give us faithfulness to fulfill the tasks You have given us.**
- P** Lord of the nations, in Your power You guide all kingdoms of this world and yet in Your love You graciously provide for the needs of every person. We pray that You would grant healing upon all who are sick (including...), comfort all who mourn (including...), and help to sustain the poor and hungry.
- C** **Use us Lord, to help others in need.**
- P** Almighty God, extend Your kingdom of grace in this country and around the world. Continue to raise up more workers to serve in Your harvest field. Bless all missionaries and missions of Your Church. Grant Your blessing upon our congregation. Strengthen us by Your Word and Sacrament to faithfully follow You and to freely serve our neighbor in love.
- C** **Help us to fear, love, and trust in You above all things.**
- P** To You, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.
- C** **Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

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Distribution

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

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

please stand

- P** Let us pray....one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

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Postlude

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow—J. Walther

Pastor Bauman is leading the Divine Service at Faith Madison this morning.

Next Sunday's Readings Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

LIVING THE SERMON... You are running the race, a lifelong marathon toward the heavenly finish line and the victory celebration that never ends. Continue to seek God's Word for strength and nourishment to keep on running the race that has been set before you. When you get tripped up by sin, seek to be forgiven and restored by your Lord's forgiveness. Look for opportunities as you run the race to share the Gospel with others.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Give thanks to God for the 250 years of grace and blessing upon our country. Pray for our leaders that they may govern according to God's Word, for peace in our communities, nation, and world, and that you would faithfully live and serve as a citizen.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *[The LORD declares] So shall be My word that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.* Isaiah 55:11

Extending Christ's Love

LWML Grant Received: At last weekend's Indiana District LWML Convention, our congregation was chosen to receive a \$12,000 Mission Grant to be applied for classroom furnishings in our Christian Education Center. We are thankful for the generosity of the LWML as they partner with us in reaching out with Christ's love through our early learning center. The Finance Committee continues to apply for grants to support Extending Christ's Love.

Rummage Sale: Our second rummage sale is **Friday-Saturday, July 17th-18th** with a focus on children's toys, furniture, and clothes. The chapel is open on Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings to drop off donations or by appointment by contacting Phil Burbrink or Rachel Fohne. **Sign-up to Serve:** Volunteers are needed to set up for the sale on Thursday, July 16th from 12:30-2 PM and to serve at the sale on Friday, July 17th from 9 AM-3 PM and Saturday, July 18th from 8 AM-3 PM. The sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space. **Food Fundraiser on Saturday:** Our Latino outreach will be serving homemade dishes and breakfast foods on Saturday, July 18th for a freewill donation. All proceeds will benefit Extending Christ's Love.

The Catalog of Needed Items gives you the opportunity to support Extending Christ's Love above their 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 of Needed Items online (stpaulcolumbus.org) or print copies are in the gathering space. Items available include furnishings for the chapel, great hall, Sunday School and early childhood ministry classrooms, and furnishings for church office staff in the existing church, and many other items. If you have any questions about the Catalog or need assistance in reserving items in the Catalog, please contact Phil Burbrink or Rachel Fohne.

Thanks for your generous support of Extending Christ's Love. 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.

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

Youth Events

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

Come out and join us at Holiday World (amusement and water park) on **Monday, July 27th**. The cost for group pricing is \$36.49 (per person). Children 3 and under are free. 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. Ticket payments should be given to her before the 27th. Drink stations and sunscreen are provided at the park. Food and other purchases can only be accessed through electronic transactions. The park closes at 8 PM. The deadline for signing up for the event is **next Sunday, July 19th**. Please contact DCE Probst for more information.

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Vacation Bible School is Monday-Friday, July 13th-17th from 9-11:30 AM. Register for VBS by using the QR code or through the church website. KfC youth are encouraged to attend Sunday School **next Sunday, July 12th** so that they can participate in the VBS skits during VBS.



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

Next Sunday, July 12th VBS Decorating and Final Preparations

SPY and C4Life youth are invited to help prepare for VBS during Sunday School on July 12th and to remain after second service for lunch and decorating.

Monday-Friday, July 13th-17th Serve at Vacation Bible School

Many youth are needed to make our VBS a success as we share the Gospel with children in our community.

Sign-up to serve online at stpaulcolumbus.org/vbs2026, using the QR code above, or in the gathering space.

Friday, July 17th Ziplining in Brown County

After a great week of serving at VBS, all C4Life (6-8th grade) and SPY (9-12th grade) and their friends will go ziplining. We will clean up after the VBS family lunch and then carpool to Brown County to go ziplining. Youth should bring money for snacks. We plan to arrive back at St. Paul around 4 PM. The deadline to sign up for this event is **Tuesday, July 14th**. Please speak to DCE Probst if you have further questions.

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

IN OUR PRAYERS... **Congregations with Pastoral Vacancies** including Trinity Dillsboro; Pastor-elect Travis Hartman and Faith Madison; **Divine Call:** Michelle Bauman who will be installed as Assistant to the President of the LCMS this Friday, July 10th; **Sick and Recovering:** Dee Schurman (hospitalized this past week), Jax Branaman, Jennifer Jeffares, Phyllis Fox, Renee Strietelmeier, Marie Tellman, Doug Brown, Riley Walton, Jill Scheidt, Jan Forbes (Greg Forbes' mother), Skye Spears (Sharon Templeton's granddaughter), Anthony Jaynes (Toni Howarth's father), Gloria Olness and Evelyn Sapper (Nora Cleary's sisters), Katy Garza (Cleary's niece), Lynn Ramberg, Ty Ramberg, Deb Larsen, and Ozzy Hentges (Kallis' friends), Connie Ball, Curt Carothers, Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friend), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father); **Grieving:** Families of Dan Wilson and Don Greve (Nora Cleary's uncle); **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)

PRAYER LIST UPDATED... The prayer list has been updated. If you or a loved one needs to remain on the prayer list but was removed, please contact Mackenzie Wint at mackenzie.wint@stpaulcolumbus.org or call the church office.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE...

- + Neighborhood Information Distribution—*Thanks to everyone who has distributed door hangers!* Please finish your routes by **this Friday, July 10th**.
- + Invite family, friends, and neighbors to Vacation Bible School.
- + VBS Decorating—Join us for lunch and decorating and preparing for Vacation Bible School **next Sunday, July 12th** after second service.
- + Vacation Bible School Helper—July 13th-17th; You can also sign-up in the gathering space, at stpaulcolumbus.org, or use the QR Code located on the back page in this bulletin.
- + Fellowship Hour Hosts on July 26th.

MITE BOX SUNDAY... is **today**. Your "mites" support LWML missions in our Indiana District, nationally, and internationally. This includes our own congregation as we received a \$12,000 grant for classroom furnishings at last weekend's Indiana District LWML Convention.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WORKDAY... is **this Tuesday, July 7th** from 9 AM-noon at the Jonesville Warehouse. If you cannot serve during this time, you are welcome to come any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 9 AM-3 PM. Donations are always needed and accepted. If the warehouse is closed, donations can be dropped off at the trailer on the east side of the warehouse.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY AND MATINS... is **this Wednesday, July 8th**. Join Pastor Fickenscher for an in-depth study of the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday followed by Matins at 10:15 AM. Bible study and Matins will not occur on July 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Both morning and evening Bible studies resume on Wednesday, August 5th.

BILINGUAL VBS THIS WEEK... We are hosting a bilingual Vacation Bible School in Woodlawn Mobile Home Park **this Thursday-Saturday, July 9th-11th**. If you would like to serve, please contact Pastor Fickenscher.

MICHELLE BAUMAN INSTALLATION... Michelle will be installed as Assistant to the President **this Friday, July 10th** during the chapel service at our Synod's International Center (headquarters) in St. Louis. The service begins at 11 AM Eastern/10 AM Central time and is posted on the synod's Facebook page. Please pray for Michelle as she begins this new calling.

WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARK... Our Latino outreach invites you to join them **next Sunday, July 12th** for worship and fellowship at Brown County State Park. Breakfast is at 9:30 AM. Bible study at 10 AM followed by Divine Service at 11 AM. A pitch-in lunch and enjoying the park follow the service. Come for some of or for the entire day! For more information or to RSVP, please contact Pastor Fickenscher.

MOMS NIGHT OUT... Moms in the Word is hosting a progressive dinner in downtown Columbus **next Sunday, July 12th**. We will meet in the church parking lot at 4 PM to start our evening. Once we are downtown, we plan to walk to all locations where we are getting food or drinks from. Feel free to text Mackenzie 812-528-1176 with any questions!

RUMMAGE SALE... Our second rummage sale is **Friday-Saturday, July 17th-18th** with a focus on children's toys, furniture, and clothes. The chapel is open

on Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings to drop off donations or by appointment by contacting Phil Burbrink or Rachel Fohne. Volunteers are needed to set up for the sale on Thursday, July 16th from 12:30-2 PM and to serve at the sale on Friday, July 17th from 9 AM-3 PM and Saturday, July 18th from 8 AM-3 PM. Please sign up to serve in the gathering space.

FOOD AT THE RUMMAGE SALE... Those who attend our Spanish service will be providing breakfast foods and homemade cuisine at the chapel during the Rummage Sale on **Saturday, July 18th** beginning at 8 AM. Food will be offered for a freewill donation benefiting Extending Christ's Love. Please plan come, shop, *and* eat!

VBS CLOSING PRGRAM... You are invited to attend and greet the many families attending Vacation Bible School at the closing program on **Friday, July 17th** at 11 AM. A hotdog lunch will follow the closing program.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION INVITATION... Your brothers and sisters in Christ at Faith, Madison invite you to the ordination and installation service of Pastor-elect Travis Hartman on **Sunday, July 26th** at 4 PM. A celebratory meal will follow the service.

OGT SCRUBBUCKET PROJECT... The day after floods devastated Lanesville, southern Indiana and northern Kentucky, our Indiana Orphan Grain Train was able to distribute scrub buckets to those affected. This occurs because our OGT branch keeps these supplies on hand to respond immediately to flooding. *Amazingly, the entire inventory of scrub buckets were distributed to those in need within 24 hours.* We need your assistance in donating supplies so that we are ready to respond to the next flood disaster. Below is the list of items needed for the scrub buckets. Bring any of the needed items (in any amount) and place them in the conference room or deliver them directly to the OGT Warehouse in Jonesville. Continue to pray for those affected by natural disasters and for the continued work of OGT to respond to those in need with Christ-like compassion.

- Gallon of Liquid Cleaner
- Large bottle liquid disinfectant
- Large bottle window cleaner
- Can of dry cleaner (Comet-like)
- Large/heavy-duty scrub brush
- Large sponge/package of sponges

- Package of vinyl or plastic gloves
- Package of handy wipes
- Large rolls (2) paper towel
- Mop head—rag type
- Heavy-duty broom
- Dustpan and Brush

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—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** as we rally to support Jax and his family. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. More details and opportunities to assist with the meal will be shared in upcoming bulletins and the August newsletter.

FAITH MILESTONES... We have received the needed amount to provide Faith Milestone Resources for our children, confirmands, and youth on Rally Day. Thanks for your generosity.

ECM REGISTRATION... A few openings remain in the Lambs (3-year-olds) and kindergarten classes for the 2026-2027 school year. The Doves (4-year-olds) class is full, and a waitlist has begun. *Please help us promote our Christ-centered, fully accredited early learning center!* Information can be found on the church website, the flyers in the gathering space or by contacting Director Jen Probst.

THANKS TO... all who supported our youth ministry through the Walking Taco Take Home Kit fundraiser last Sunday.

The Response of God's People

Sunday, June 28th

Divine Service: **365**

Communion: **283**

Offering

General Fund: \$12,362.70

Needed Weekly: \$17,721

Extending Christ's Love: \$2,684.59

John Robert Runge Music Fund Memorials: \$1,030

Faith Milestones: \$1,802.50



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9-11:30AM

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