

St. Paul Epistle

The Monthly Newsletter of St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday Schedule

8 AM Divine Service

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Radio Worship Service/91.1 FM

10:45 AM Divine Service

English and Spanish

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

7 PM Lutheran Hour/91.1 FM

Prayer Chain

Bonnie England

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June and July, 2025

Extending Christ's Love through Christian Education

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this article, our preschool closing chapel has just concluded. It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is already upon us! It always amazes me how much our early childhood ministry children learn about Jesus and grow in the faith during the time they are with us at our school.

Obviously, since our mission is to extend Christ's Love, then we must be all about Christian Education. It's through the Word that faith is given and strengthened. Through the Word, the gifts and blessings that Jesus won on the cross are personally delivered to every individual, young or old. I'm so thankful that we have opportunity to teach these little children in our early childhood ministry and lead them to the waiting arms of our Savior.

Our early childhood ministry is only one of our Christian education ministries. There are Sunday and Wednesday Bible studies, Sunday School, confirmation instruction, homeschool religion class, Moms in the Word, and many more opportunities to be in the Word and grow in the Word.

In the summer, we have an additional opportunity to serve our children and community with the Word of God—Vacation Bible School. Last summer, we served 170 children and their families through VBS. VBS takes many volunteers, both adult and youth leaders and helpers. It also involves all of us inviting family, friends, and neighbors with children to attend. In addition, we have our annual Neighborhood Information Distribution, where we go into neighborhoods surrounding our church to place doorhangers on homes inviting those in our area to our Divine Services and Sunday School, VBS, early childhood ministry, and our Spanish service and Bible study. Our Neighborhood Information Distribution begins Sunday, June 1st and continues through July 13th. Please consider distributing doorhangers in one or more neighborhoods to help us get the word out and extend the invitation to gather with us around the saving and life changing Word of God.

Christ's love is extended through our many Christian education ministries. Your ongoing support for our Extending Christ's Love campaign will provide the space and place for all our Christian Education ministries to thrive and grow for many years to come in the *Christian Education Center*. It's not a fancy name, but it's so appropriate! That's the purpose of this expansion: young and old will be taught God's Word and their faith fortified and strengthened through this teaching.

In Psalm 102:18 the psalmist writes: ***Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD.*** The psalmist desires that his words would be written down so that future generations would know the works of God. We are blessed to have the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word of God. God's great acts have been written down for us so that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in His name (John 20:30-31). Through the Christian Education Center, we are providing for generations to come, giving them a place to hear and learn God's Word so that the love of Christ can be extended to them through the Word in the same way it has been extended to us.

As we end the school year, take the time to thank our Sunday School teachers and early childhood ministry teachers and staff for their faithful service. Make the commitment to remain in God's Word through daily devotions, Bible study, and Sunday School. Consider who you can invite to Vacation Bible School so that we can keep on extending Christ's love to others.

In Christ's Love to Extend Christ's Love,

Peter Bauer





Musical Notes

Christ is risen-He is risen indeed! Alleluia! We rejoice throughout the Easter season in the victory over sin and death through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The festival half of the church year concludes on June 15 with the celebration of Trinity Sunday. The summer and fall months constitute the longest single season of the church year (Sundays following Pentecost).

During the summer, our choirs take a much-deserved break before resuming rehearsals in August. I would like to thank all of our choirs—the Sr. Choir, Sr. Handbells, Small Group Handbells, Jr. Choir, Jr. Handchimes and Handbells, and Choristers—for their time and dedicated efforts in serving the Lord and St. Paul through the church's song. We are blessed by you and sincerely appreciate you! Please continue to serve God with the talents and gifts He gave you as you proclaim the Gospel through the church's song. I also wish to thank the individuals who provided special music throughout the past year and strongly encourage you to continue doing so in the years to come. We are blessed with many gifted musicians in our congregation and our worship services are enriched by your willingness to share your talents with others. In all that we musically proclaim, all glory be to God alone!

One of the ways that we can sing a new song to the Lord is by encouraging our children and youth to actively participate in the musical life of our congregation. The liturgy and hymns provide many opportunities for vocal and instrumental involvement and enrichment of congregational song. Music at St. Paul always supports the spoken Word and there are many different ways for the Gospel to be proclaimed through singing and instrumental music. Learning about our liturgy and hymns is a life-long, fun process—there's always something new! Please encourage our younger members and children to be involved in (and continue learning about) the musical heritage of our church. The future really is in their hands!

Singing enables us to pray twice. Singing also enables us to reinforce the Scripture readings and sermon, something that Martin Luther felt was of great importance. Repetition is the mother of all learning! We rejoice in worship that centers on God's Word, praising and thanking our Lord with the gifts He has given to us!

Christ is risen-He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Dan

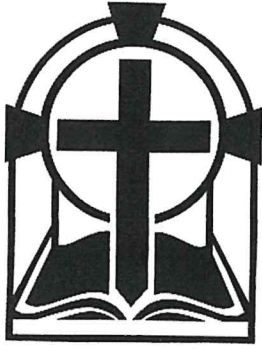


All of our choirs and music groups are on summer break. Rehearsals will resume in August and times/dates will be included in the next newsletter. Please enjoy the summer and I'm looking forward to planning for the new choir season!

If you are interested in more information or have questions, please contact me at, (mobile) 812-927-9319, or email

kantor@StPaulColumbus.org

Thank you!



Early Childhood Ministry

In church yesterday, I witnessed the gift of new life. Although her parents welcomed her into the world five years ago, this little girl was born again through water and God's Word in Baptism. The event was miraculous!

I love watching baptisms. Each one is unique and filled with tremendous gifts from God. This particular Baptism brought a bigger smile to my face. The little girl who was baptized was a student at our school.

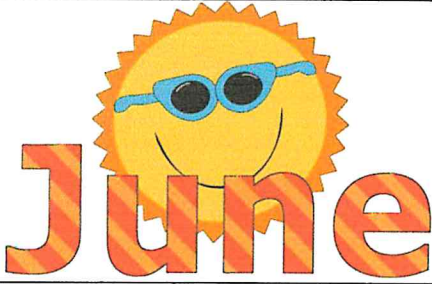
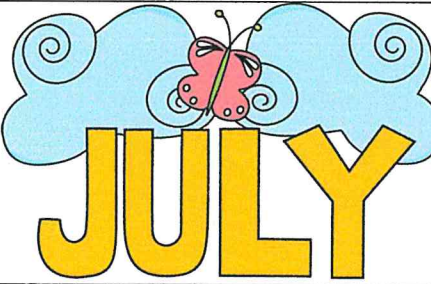

Every day that students are in class at our ECM, they hear about God's love for them. The teachers will share key lessons from the Bible, and the Pastors come in every week to teach them the "ABCs" of the faith: The Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Apostles' Creed. Our staff takes the time to point our students to Jesus when we learn math, science, and social skills.

In the Apostle Paul's letter to the people in Corinth, he references everyone's ability to plant and water the seeds of faith. Paul also reminds us that God is the one who causes those seeds to grow. While our staff never expects to see the results of God's spiritual generation, it becomes a source of joy when we can catch a glimpse of God at work.

I was able to see the little girl's expression as the baptismal order of service was taking place. She knew the words to the Lord's Prayer and joined her voice with our St. Paul family. As Pastor was asking her parents and sponsors to confess their faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed, this little girl was able to remember the same words our students learned with the pastors during Jesus' time. After each petition, she looked straight at Pastor and confidently gave a resounding "YES" after each "I believe" statement in the three articles of the Apostles' Creed.

Thanks be to God that He brought this little girl's faith to life and keeps His promise to nurture her in her faith, into eternity. With God's help, our staff will continue to plant the seeds of faith with God's Word, encourage the gifts that come through the waters of Baptism, and shine the light of Jesus, the Son. I look forward to the next Baptism and celebrating God's miraculous gift of life.

~Blessings,
Jen Probst, ECM Director

		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are enjoying Summer Break • Initial information will go out to enrolled families regarding the next school year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next wave of information will go out to enrolled students. • Teachers prepare classrooms • July 29 – All Staff Meeting 	<p>Beginning of the 2025-2026 school year</p>

~Reaching out with Christ's love to serve and grow through early childhood education. ~

Education & Youth

Reaching out with Christ's love to serve and grow!

Youth

St. Paul Youth

Sr. High Youth 9th – 12th Grade

Christ 4 Life

Jr. High Youth 6th – 8th grade

Sunday, May 18th—Recognition of Graduates

We will recognize and pray for our high school and college graduates in worship on May 18th.

Opportunities to Serve—Youth and Youth Families

Rummage Sale: Please sign up to serve either on Wednesday-Thursday, June 4-5 to set up for the sale or Friday-Saturday, June 6-7 to serve during the sale.

Taco Barn: Please sign up in the gathering space to work one or more shifts at the Taco Barn during the county fair Friday, June 20th-Saturday, June 28th.

Vacation Bible School: VBS couldn't happen without our many youth volunteers. Use the QR code to sign up to serve.

Thursday, July 17th from 11:30 AM-2 PM Summer Fun

SPY and C4Life youth are invited to stay for lunch and summer activities. Bring a towel and dress to get wet!

Friday, July 18th-Wednesday, July 23rd National Youth

Gathering: Please pray for our SPY youth and chaperones attending the gathering in New Orleans. The youth will give a presentation about their experience during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, August 3rd.

Kids for Christ

Elementary Youth led by Chad and Rachel Fohne with Matthew and Sarah Lewis

Sunday, May 18th—Lunch and Summer Fun!

Join us for lunch (chicken sandwiches), devotions, and fun activities as we celebrate the end of the school year, focusing on the *I AM* statements of Jesus. KfC meets from noon-1:15 PM.

Sunday, July 13th—Servant Event at 9:30 AM

This year our KfC participants will present the Bible story on the first day of Vacation Bible School. Attend Sunday School on Sunday, July 13th to rehearse and then present the Bible story skit on Monday, July 14th.

Monday-Friday, July 14th-18th—Vacation Bible School

Join us as we gather around the theme *The Way in the Wilderness* from 9-11:30 AM each day. All children, ages three to sixth grade completed, as well as youth and adult volunteers can register now using the QR code or VBS link on the church homepage.

The VBS Closing Program is Friday, July 18th at 11 AM followed by a lunch of hotdogs and sides.



Christian Education

Summer Sunday School begins May 25th!

First Steps of Faith (Parents and children two years and younger) meets in the conference room.

KfC Children in 3rd-4th Classroom (Fifth graders and younger) Delivered Sunday School study focusing on the means of grace.

SPY and C4Life in Youth Room

Hey Pastor, what about...? Submit your questions using the form in the Youth and Confirmation Rooms or text your questions to Pastor Bauman at 812-350-4115.

Adults in Fellowship Room

Large Catechism taught by Pastor Fickenscher

Wednesdays in June and July

9 AM: Preparing for Sunday morning. Join us for an in-depth study of the Scriptures for the coming Sunday followed by Matins at 10:15 AM. This class will not meet on Wednesday, July 16th due to VBS.

Recognition Sunday

Join us at the beginning of Sunday School on May 18th in the fellowship room as we recognize and thank our dedicated Sunday School teachers and helpers.

Youth Choirs

Jr. Choir sings at both services on Sunday, May 18th. Please have children in the music room at 7:30 AM to rehearse.

The Jr. Choir and Children's Choir will be on recess from May 25th-August 3rd, resuming rehearsals during Sunday School on Rally Day, August 10th.

Acolyte Training

All new acolytes should attend training on Sunday, June 1st following either service. New acolytes will receive the schedules at that time. If you cannot attend a training session, please contact Pastor Bauman or DCE Probst to schedule another time.

Confirmation Dates to Note

Sunday, July 27th at 9:15 AM Confirmation Student and Parent Meeting in the sanctuary

Friday-Saturday, August 8th-9th Confirmation Retreat at Lakeview Villages

Staffing Changes

On May 19th, DCE Jen Probst will begin leading our Christian education and youth ministries. Her email is director@stpaulcolumbus.org and her cell number is 765-491-7818. Please pray for Jen as she begins serving in this way.

*Rally Day is August 10th
All Youth Groups Meet*



St. Paul Lutheran Church
& Early Childhood Ministry

News and Notes

Extending Christ's Love Update

God continues to bless our Extending Christ's Love Campaign. The Building Committee continues to meet with the architect and Driftwood Builders to finalize the cost of the project. This past month we received wonderful news that we will not have to install an Underground Water Detention System which would have been more than a \$100,000 expense. Once the building plans and budget are finalized, this information will be shared with the congregation.

We are so thankful for your generosity for this campaign. In eight months, total income has exceeded \$1,160,000! This includes two new gifts for the playground exceeding \$85,000. Also, the Risk family has pledged \$20,000 for the furnishings for the Great Hall/Chapel area in memory of Bob and Bonnie Risk. If you are interested in making a designated gift for the Christian Education Center, please contact Finance Chair Phil Burbrink or Financial Secretary Rachel Fohne.

Our attention is now focused on the Rummage Sale on **Friday-Saturday, June 6th-7th**. ***We need your help.*** Please consider serving in any of the following ways:

- **Donations:** Bring your donations to church anytime between **Sunday, May 18th and Tuesday, June 3rd**.
- **Spread the Word:** Invite and encourage family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors to stop by on **Friday, June 6th from 3-9 PM or Saturday, June 7th from 10 AM-4 PM.**
- **Sign-Up to Serve:** Please consider serving one or more of the following shifts:
Wednesday, June 4th: Set up for the Sale—1-4 PM or 5:30-8 PM
Thursday, June 5th: Set up for the Sale—9 AM-Noon or 1-4 PM
Friday, June 6th: Work the Sale—2 PM-6 PM or 6 PM-9:30 PM
Saturday, June 7th: Work the Sale—9 AM-1 PM; 1 PM-5 PM
- **Orientation Meeting:** We will have a brief Orientation Meeting for all volunteers in the fellowship room on **Sunday, June 1st** at 9:30 AM to give instructions and answer questions.

If you have any questions about the Rummage Sale, please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946 or Sariina Kalli at 218-451-1026.



Recognition of Graduates, New Members, and Sunday School Teachers

Sunday May 18th, will be a day filled with recognition and rejoicing. Please plan to attend worship and Sunday School:

Recognition of Graduates: At both services, we will recognize and pray for our high school and college graduates.

Recognition of New Members: At the beginning of Sunday School, we will recognize those who have joined our congregation in the past six months. Please plan to attend and welcome our newest members!

Recognition of Sunday School Teachers: We are blessed with dedicated Sunday School teachers and staff. As we end the school year, we will recognize and thank these faithful servants at the beginning of the Sunday School hour.

Summer Church Office Hours

Summer church office hours begin the week of **May 18th**. Mackenzie Wint will only in the office on Tuesday mornings, and the church office will be closed every Friday. If you need pastoral care, you may either call the church office or contact a pastor directly.

Education Building Closed: The entire education building, including the church offices, will be closed Wednesday, May 21st-Monday, May 26th for floor waxing and carpet cleaning, and in observance of Memorial Day.

Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School begins **May 25th**. We will offer four classes: First Steps of Faith (two years and younger with a parent) meets in the conference room.

The children's class (three years old-fifth grade) will engage in a study called *Delivered*, focusing on how God gives us His good gifts through the means of grace. This class meets in the third-fourth grade Sunday School classroom.

The SPY and C4Life class will be pastor-led this summer with the theme: *Hey Pastor, what about...?* Youth can submit questions in the box in the confirmation room or by texting Pastor Bauman at 812-350-4115.

The adult class, led by Pastor Fickenscher, will continue their study of the *Large Catechism*.

Please make the commitment to be and grow in the Word during the summer!

Help Us Get the Word Out!

Our Neighborhood Information Distribution to invite those in the area to our church and Vacation Bible School is **Sunday, June 1st-Sunday, July 13th**. Door hangers will be available, as well as the different neighborhoods you can choose to distribute the materials. Those that are distributing will simply hang a flyer on each door in their chosen neighborhood. Please complete your area any time before Sunday, July 13th. Please stop by the table and sign up for a neighborhood so that we can keep on extending Christ's love to serve and grow!

Acolyte Training

Training for new acolytes is **Sunday, June 1st** after each service (9:15 AM and noon). Acolytes will receive training as well as the acolyte schedule. If you cannot attend on June 1st, please contact Pastor Bauman or DCE Probst to schedule a time for training.

Orphan Grain Train Work Days

St. Paul serves the OGT by sorting donated items for distribution the first Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in volunteering, come and join us on **Tuesdays, June 3rd and July 1st** 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.

Summer Midweek Bible Study

Wednesdays in June and July (with the exception of VBS week), you are invited to a Bible study studying the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday. The study meets from 9-10 AM, followed by Matins at 10:15 AM. The morning study of Romans and evening study of Hebrews resume on Wednesday, August 6th.

Walking Taco Barn Sign-up

We need many volunteers to serve at our Walking Taco Barn at the Bartholomew County Fair **Friday, June 20th-Saturday, June 28th**. The sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space. Please sign up your family or serve with some friends for a shift, or more than one shift, at this year's fair!

Indiana District Convention

The Indiana District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will meet in convention **June 19-20** in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The convention, held every three years, is a time to gather for worship and Bible study, as well as elect the District President and other officers in the District, as well as consider resolutions. Our congregation's voting delegates are Pastor Fickenscher and Wiley Umphress. Please pray for our District that all our congregations would remain faithful to His Word and zealous for the mission He has entrusted to us.

Nathaniel Bauman to Preach June 22nd

On **Sunday, June 22nd**, Seminarian Nathaniel Bauman will preach at both services and make a presentation in the fellowship room during the Sunday School hour. Nathaniel recently concluded his second year of studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. This summer, Nathaniel and Abby will be moving to Hoyleton, Illinois, where Nathaniel will be serving his vicarage (one year internship) before returning to the seminary for his final year of studies.

Vespers Service at the Fair

St. Paul is leading the Vespers Service at the Bartholomew County Fair. The service is **Sunday, June 22nd** at 5 PM at the David Boll Theatre. The readings, sermon, and hymns will be different from the morning services at church. Please plan to attend and invite others!

VBS Craft Session

VBS Crafts Planning is well underway. For all interested craft volunteers, there will be a training session on **Thursday, June 26th** from 2-3 PM in the church fellowship room.

One of the crafts planned is also a service project for our shut-ins and nursing home residents, treat bags with the message: God Provides - "I am your God, I will strengthen you and help you." Isaiah 41:10.

Donations needed for the treat bags: gum, small Cokes, small bottles of water, purse size Kleenex, Ritz cracker packets (peanut butter or cheese), small Hershey bars, small Oreos, Hershey Kisses, individually wrapped hard candy, and small hand sanitizer. A designated donation tote is in the gathering space.

Any questions please call or email Vicki Howarth 812-343-6967, dvhowarth@comcast.net. Thank you!

Special Services on July 6th

On **Sunday, July 6th**, we will recognize current and past members who have served in the armed forces and offer prayers for our nation. Please plan to attend this special service.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is **Monday-Friday, July 14th-18th** from 9-11:30 AM. The theme is: *The Way in the Wilderness*, where we will learn about God's people journeying through the wilderness, discover how God walks with us when life gets hard, and how He will take us to the promised land.



All children, ages three to sixth grade completed, as well as youth and adult volunteers can register now using the QR code or VBS link on the church homepage.

VBS Volunteers Needed: Adult and youth volunteers are needed to serve. You may sign-up to serve using the QR Code or in the gathering space.

Worship and Retreat on July 27th

On **Sunday, July 27th**, the Latino members of Clifty and of Trinity, Indianapolis will be gathering for a retreat at Brown County State Park. The gathering will consist of the divine service, Bible study for all ages, and a cookout lunch. Even if Spanish isn't your first language, we would be thrilled to have you join us. The schedule details are TBD, so please reach out to Pastor Fickenscher if you are interested in more information.

June is Life Month

During the month of June, we especially focus on God's gift of life and upholding the sanctity of all human life. Please note the special events connected with Life Month:

Clarity Baby Bottle Campaign continues through Father's Day, June 15th. Please pick up a bottle or envelope in the gathering space, fill it with change or bills, and return it by June 15th.

StepUp4Life Walk for Life benefiting Lutherans for Life continues through June 24th. If you are interested in walking or supporting a walker, please contact Dave Probst or Michelle Bauman.

June and July Missions of the Month

June's Mission of the Month is Clarity. As we celebrate Life Month, we give thanks to the life-affirming work of Clarity in our community. We are thankful for our partnership with Clarity, which includes the Memorial for the Unborn located on our church property. Clarity also uses our facilities for many of their events. Our June Mission of the Month gift will be in addition to the funds that are collected through the Baby Bottle campaign.

July's Mission of the Month is Love Chapel. Love Chapel seeks to provide food for those in need in Bartholomew County. They also operate our homeless shelter, Brighter Days. Our mission support enables Love Chapel to keep on serving those in need in Christ's name.

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. Registration brochures are available in the gathering space and on the church website. ***Please tell others about our preschool and kindergarten!*** Encourage families to contact DCE Jen Probst with questions or to schedule a school tour. Kindergarten tuition is free through the School Choice program and financial assistance is available for preschool families.

August Events—Mark Your Calendars!

Friday-Saturday, August 8th-9th Confirmation Retreat at Lakeview Villages

Sunday, August 10th: Rally Day—all youth groups meet

Official Acts

ViviAnne Eleanor Denny, daughter of Jasmine Denny, was baptized into Christ on April 20th.

Oliver Herschel Jackson, son of Eli Jackson and McKenna Whipker-Jackson, was baptized into Christ on April 27th.

Toby George Patterson, son of Jordan and Kacey Patterson, was baptized into Christ on May 4th.

Heidi Marie Smith, daughter of Joseph and Amanda Smith, was baptized into Christ on May 11th.

Adam Kenneth Arnholt, Edwin Gabriel Chun Escalante, Jaclyn Michelle Dettmer, Jonathon Stephen Dettmer, Grant William Gilmore, Tabitha Katherine Hall, Zaid Emanuel Hernández Rendon, Emmitt Taylor Jones, Ridge Arthur Koester, Jocelyn Taylor Vogel, and Jesse August Wofford more were confirmed on April 27th. Joseph and Amanda Smith were confirmed on May 11th.

Our Christian Stewardship

We are grateful for your joyful and generous response to our Lord's blessings through your gifts and offerings. Your faithful stewardship enables us to continue to share the saving message of Christ crucified and risen here and throughout the world!

January-April 2025 Financial Report

Offerings Needed:	\$270,861
Offerings Received:	<u>\$336,743</u>
Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 65,882
Total Income:	\$424,539
Total Expenses:	<u>\$369,639</u>
Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 54,900

If you have any questions about our church finances, please contact Treasurer Mary Ann Nunn, Financial Secretary Rachel Fohne, or a member of the Board of Stewardship.

LWML News

Thank you to those who attended the **Family Game Night/Euchre Tourney** on Friday, May 9. Seventeen people attended, and more than \$100 was collected toward the purchase of gift cards and other items for the LWML National Convention in June. Put Friday, August 8, on your calendars for the next family game night.

The LWML is joining with the Finance Committee and others to host a **Community Rummage Sale** June 6-7 in support of Extending Christ's Love. Beginning May 18, donations for this sale can be brought to the church for storage. Phil Burbrink (812-344-9946) and Sariina Kalli (218-451-1026) would love your help setting up for the sale on June 4-5 and/or serving during the sale June 6-7. Please sign-up in the gathering space if you can help in any way.

The "Growing in God's Grace" **LWML National Convention** is just around the corner - June 26-29, in Omaha, Nebraska. Registration jumped to \$235 on May 1, but if cost is a factor for you joining us, please reach out. Click on the following link to register online: <https://arrowheadconferencesandevents.regfox.com/2025-lwml-convention>. Sariina Kalli will be attending convention with her daughter, Sierra, who will serve as a Young Women's Representative at her first-ever LWML convention. Will you join us?



SAVE THE DATE:

Last year, the LWML began a **Harvest Mission Project**, and we are planning to do the same this year. Beginning in June, you are welcome to bring your surplus produce, plants, and flowers to the Harvest Mission Table set up in the gathering space. Members of the congregation can take from this table for a donation to St. Paul's Food Pantry. More than \$125 was collected for the food pantry last summer and fall. Please watch the bulletin boards in the gathering space and Sunday bulletins for more information, or contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142.

Are you looking for a way to connect with other like-minded, mission-focused women? Consider attending the **LWML District Treatshop** on Saturday, August 9, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Indianapolis. Our theme is "Jesus Knows Me, This I Love", and registration details will be out soon.

The **LWML Fall Zone Gathering** will take place Saturday, October 25, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Martinsville. Since Sariina is zone secretary, and Kathy Ownbey is now on the nomination committee for the 2026 election (Zone VP and Treasurer), we certainly encourage all ladies of St. Paul to join us for this fellowship-filled adventure.

Remembering Our Shut-Ins

Here is the list of our shut-ins and homebound members. Please pray for them often. They also enjoy receiving cards and visits from their church family:

Marianne Arnholt Traditions of Columbus, 4300 West Goeller Blvd, Columbus, Indiana 47203

Mary Ann Exner 9695 East Randal, Columbus, Indiana 47203

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Dorothy Hischke 2520 Wedgewood Drive, Columbus, Indiana 47203

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Nancy Lipka 444 Manor Drive, Seymour, Indiana 47274

Evelyn Pence 5640 West Goeller Road, Columbus, Indiana 47201

Dennis Peters 3715 Richland Drive, Columbus, Indiana 47203

Amy Price Lutheran Community Home, 111 Church Avenue, Seymour, Indiana 47274

Alex Schuette Madison State Hospital, 711 Green Road, Madison, Indiana 47250

Gloria Schultz Belmont Health and Rehabilitation, 540 Belmont Drive, Columbus, Indiana 47201

Pastor William Stache Traditions of Columbus, 4300 West Goeller Blvd, Columbus, Indiana 47203

Lorraine Whitson 7785 N 700 W, Elizabethtown, Indiana 47232

Joan Wilcox 2704 15th Street, Columbus, Indiana 47201

Charlotte Williams 4681 West Ridge Drive, Columbus, Indiana 47203

Gene Wint Cedar Creek, 2288 Nicholas Court, Seymour, Indiana 47274

VBS 2025

FREE FOR CHILDREN 3-12 YEARS OLD

THE WAY IN THE WILDERNESS

JULY 14-18 | 9-11:30 AM

REGISTER HERE

COME AND JOIN US AS WE LEARN ABOUT GOD'S PEOPLE JOURNEYING THROUGH THE WILDERNESS. WE WILL DISCOVER HOW GOD WALKS WITH US WHEN LIFE GETS HARD AND HOW HE WILL TAKE US TO THE PROMISED LAND.

Serving at St. Paul

Service	Usher Team	Elders	Greeters
June 8 AM	Team C	Adam Hall & Carl Shaffer	Bruce and Natalie Pollert
10:45 AM	Team F	Wiley Umphress & Steve Volez	Colin and Linda Scheidt
July 8 AM	Team B	Jim Brock & Brian Arnholt	Jeff and Mary Booher
10:45 AM	Team E	Eric Scheidt & Tim Scheidt	Dan, Taffy and Ryan Schroer

Day	Acolyte	Flowers	Radio	Fellowship Hour
June 1	8 AM Naomi Lewis	Doug and Wendy Wiederhoeft	Colin and Linda Scheidt	
	10:45 AM Caroline Glick			
8	8 AM Kylie Price		Marybeth Glick	
	10:45 AM Zaylie Gonsior			
15	8 AM Daryn Vogel			
	10:45 AM Haley Hauersperger			
22	8 AM Jocelyn Vogel		Eric and Linda Scheidt	
	10:45 AM Ridge Koester			
29	8 AM Adam Arnholt		Mike and Mary Bridges	Schroers and Lutz Families
	10:45 AM Ellis Sperry			
July 6	8 AM Sarah Arnholt	Strietelmeier Family		
	10:45 AM Faith Wofford			
13	8 AM Addy Arnholt		Colin and Linda Scheidt	Burbrink Family
	10:45 AM Kevin Chun Escalante			
20	8 AM Julia Burbrink			Umphress and Voelz Families
	10:45 AM Emma Gibson			
27	8 AM Kinze Fischer	Steve and Jan Voelz	Colin and Linda Scheidt	Dan and Taffy Schroer & Steve and Cathy Potter
	10:45 AM Alex Essex			



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7 PM Lutheran Hour

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1 Celebration of Ascension Mite Box Sunday Neighborhood Distribution Begins 9:15 AM Acolyte training 9:30 AM Rummage Sale Orientation Meeting	2 Pastor Bauman on vacation through June 13th	3 9 AM-Noon OGT Work Day	4 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins 1-4 PM Rummage Sale Set-Up 5:30-8 PM Rummage Sale Set-Up	5 9 AM-Noon Rummage Sale Set-Up 1-4 PM Rummage Sale Set-Up	6 3-9 PM Rummage Sale	7 10 AM-4 PM Rummage Sale
8 Pentecost	9	10	11 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins	12	13	14
15 Trinity Sunday Father's Day Baby Bottle Campaign Ends	16 5:30 PM Girl Scouts	17	18 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins	19 Church Reserved	20	21
22 Seminarian Nathaniel Bauman Preaching 5 PM Vespers Service - Fairgrounds	23	24	25 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins	26 1:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit 2 PM VBS Craft Session	27	28
Bartholomew County Fair—Taco Barn						
29	30			Radio Service and Lutheran Hour can be found on 91.1 FM Columbus/Madison, 89.1 FM Greensburg, 88.1 FM Versailles/Osgood, and 94.5 FM Salem		



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6 Mite Box Sunday Recognition of Veterans-both services	7	8	9 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins	10	11	12 Church Reserved
Kantor Mau on Vacation						
13 Neighborhood Distribution Ends 9:30 AM KFC Event Noon VBS Decorating	14 August Newsletter Deadline 6 PM Finance Committee 7 PM Council Meeting	15	16	17 11:30-2 PM SPY and C4Life Lunch and Summer Fun	18 11 AM VBS Closing Program	19
Vacation Bible School 9-11:30 AM						
National Youth Gathering						
20	21	22	23 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins	24	25	26
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27 9:15 AM Confirmation Parent- Student Meeting Spanish Service and Picnic at Brown County State Park	28	29	30 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins 11 AM Evangelism Board	31 9 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit	Pastor Fickenschner at Conference	