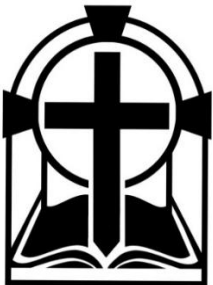




[The Lord] will swallow up death
forever; and the Lord God will wipe
away tears from all faces.
Isaiah 25:8a

The Swallowing of Death

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026



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

Welcome to St. Paul!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Today's Christian Education Opportunities

First Steps of Faith (infants and toddlers with a parent) meets in the conference room
Sunday School classes for preschool-sixth grade
Confirmation Classes for grades 7-8 led by DCE Probst
SPY Youth Class (grades 9-12) led by Pastor Patterson
Lord, Teach Us to Pray Adult Class led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Silas Lewis
10:45 AM Service Caroline Glick

Church Calendar

No School – Fall Break 10/12-10/16

Rachel Fohne and Mackenzie Wint on vacation this week

Today

Honey Sunday

8:00 AM Divine Service

9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School

Christians in Holy Land Presentation

10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish

Noon Confirmation Make-up/Work Ahead

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Monday

November Newsletter Deadline

10:00 AM Small Group Handbells

Wednesday

9:00 AM Bible Study

10:15 AM Matins Service

2:00 PM Grief Class

6:00 PM Bible Study

6:00 PM Sr. Handbells Rehearsal

7:00 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday-Friday Floor Cleaning

No access to kitchen or restrooms

Friday

6:30 PM Young Adults at the Baumanns

Next Sunday

Loyalty Sunday

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

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

12:15 PM Youth Confirmation

12:45 PM Jr. Handchimes Rehearsal

1:15 PM Jr. Handbells Rehearsal

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

FALL BREAK SUNDAY... is today. Lunch will not be served and there will be no afternoon youth choirs or confirmation class. Pastor Bauman and DCE Probst will be available for a confirmation make-up/work ahead session immediately after the 10:45 AM service.

HONEY SUNDAY... is today. Orders will be taken at the table in the gathering space for a suggested donation of \$10 per bottle. Orders will be shipped directly to you in time for Thanksgiving. Search for more info at <https://dakotaranch.org>.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Small Group Handbells: *Passacaglia in d minor*
Prelude in D Major

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Johny Khair—Christians in the Holy Land

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn

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Confession of Sins

please stand page 203

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody

Psalms 23

P The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

G **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.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4–13

[Paul writes:] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these

things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and sing page 205

G Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter. **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles Creed

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Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

477 stanzas 1 and 2

Sermon

The Swallowing of Death

Isaiah 25:6-9

Prayer of the Church

please stand

Offering

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Service of the Sacrament

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Distribution

475, 694, 639, 643, 633 standing for stanza 8

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

Closing Liturgy

please stand pages 211-212

Closing Hymn

477 stanza 3

Postlude

Praise the Almighty! (Hymn 797)—R. Powell

The Swallowing of Death—Isaiah 25:6-9

Because Jesus has swallowed up death, the terror of the g_____ is replaced by eager anticipation of His eternal f_____.

Yes, sin, death, and the devil shall be d_____.

By dying for our sins, Jesus takes our place. He takes on the punishment we deserve. And now Death p_____ o_____ us.

No matter how long He takes, keep on w_____ in faith for Jesus to return and bring us home to the great feast of heaven!

Next Sunday's Readings *Isaiah 45:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22*

LIVING THE SERMON... Waiting for anything we want is hard! But waiting for Jesus to return seems so VERY hard! We are assaulted by the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature. Have mercy, Lord Jesus! Give to us enduring faith as we wait for the glories of eternal life with You!

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life. Amen.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *We give thanks to God always for you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.* 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Building Up, Pressing On, Reaching Out Loyalty Sunday is Next Sunday, October 18th

As we **press on** for the prize, we receive God's Word and we encourage one another so that we built up in the faith and we **build up** one another in love. Empowered by the Spirit, we **reach out** with Christ's love, so that others may hear the Gospel, and by the Spirit's power believe and be saved.

Next Sunday, we will offer our 2027 pledges to support the Lord's work through our congregation. As you prayerfully consider God's countless blessings and how you are to steward (manage) these gifts in joyful response to all that your God has done for you, consider the following:

- God desires that we give our **firstfruits**. God gave His best in sending His Son to save us. We do not offer to Him the leftovers, but the first and the best. Even before the new year begins, we set aside a portion of our anticipated income for the new year and offer it to the Lord.
- God desires that we give **sacrificially**. Jesus gave His all for us on the cross. In gratitude, we respond by giving sacrificially. Consider what percentage of your income is a sacrificial gift and offer your gift to the Lord.
- God desires that we give **cheerfully**. God loves a cheerful giver. We don't give our time, treasure, and talent to the Lord under compulsion, but freely and joyfully. Consider it a joy that God not only has saved you but uses you and the gifts He has given you to further His kingdom and be a blessing to others.

Please complete the pledge forms and bring them to worship with you on October 18th. If you cannot attend worship next Sunday, please bring your pledges or mail them to the church this week so that all our pledges can be offered and dedicated to the Lord on Loyalty Sunday.

Youth Events

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Sunday, November 1st Noon-1:15 PM

Join us for lunch followed by a devotion and activities filled with thankfulness and praise.

C4Life (sixth-eighth grade) and SPY (ninth-twelfth grade)

Friday, November 6th 6 PM — Family Game and Euchre Night

Join us for a night full of games of all kinds, good fellowship, and yummy snacks.

Sunday, November 29th Noon-2 PM—Gingerbread Dough Making

Join us for Zwanzigz pizza followed by making the gingerbread dough from scratch for the gingerbread houses that will be used at Christmas Family Fun Night.

Sign up for the App

Stay up to date with the latest events and updates regarding youth activities. Download the Remind app and enter the following: C4Life@4aef23g (grades 6-8) and SPY@ge9993 (grades 9-12).

Friends are always welcome. For more information, speak to DCE Probst or a youth counselor.



Your Generosity in Action!

SGOs Provide Support for Our School Families

Thanks to your generosity we have utilized **\$95,800** in Scholarship Granting Organization scholarships for the 2026-2027 school year from the St. Paul SGO Fund. Families enrolled in Doves (4 year old) preschool and kindergarten are eligible to receive these scholarships.

First and most importantly, these scholarships allow families with financial need to attend our school. We never turn a child away because of finances as we want every child to hear God's Word and grow in the faith.

These scholarships also offset our congregation's support for school families. To keep tuition affordable for all our students, we award a \$2,865 St. Paul Scholarship for all Doves students and a \$3,240 St. Paul Scholarship for all kindergarten students. The SGO funds are applied to offset some of the scholarship expenses, reducing the amount of our Sunday offerings needed to fund our school ministry.

These SGO gifts have a huge impact, and we are thankful for everyone who contributed to the St. Paul Lutheran SGO!

We invite you to participate in the Indiana St. Paul Lutheran SGO! Every gift directly supports our school students, **AND** you receive a 50% credit on your Indiana state income tax. For more information on how you can make a difference by supporting our St Paul Lutheran SGO, please see the announcement on the next page or contact Rachel Fohne.

New for 2027: Federal St. Paul Lutheran SGO: The federal government is rolling out a national SGO program. After the first of the year, every taxpayer can contribute up to \$1,700 which will be a 100% tax credit. In other words, you can give any amount up to \$1,700, and you will receive all of it back as a credit on your federal taxes. More information about the federal St. Paul Lutheran SGO program and how to participate will be shared at the Annual Meeting.

We are truly grateful for your support for our early childhood ministry. Over 30% of our school families are unchurched so your generosity is making an eternity impact in the lives of our students and their families.

Extending Christ's Love

It's amazing that you adopted a 30 Year Master Plan, and you're accomplishing it! This was a recent comment from a leader in our synod about our congregation. By God's grace, the final phase of our 30 Year Master Plan is well underway, in Year 21! Thanks to your generosity, space for mission and ministry is being created so that we can continue to build people up in the faith and reach out with Christ's love.



Even as we are grateful for your continued support of Extending Christ's Love for the construction of the Christian Education Center, the ongoing work of the church continues through our general fund offerings. May you be blessed as you prayerfully consider and then offer your pledge to the Lord with a joyful heart!

Construction Update: The trusses have arrived and work on the roof has begun! The goal is to have the Christian Education Center under roof before winter so that work can continue inside.

The Catalog of Needed Items gives you the opportunity to support Extending Christ's Love above your pledge. Items can be reserved in honor of or in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special event. You can find the Catalog online (stpaulcolumbus.org) or print copies are in the gathering space. If you have any questions about the Catalog or need assistance reserving items, please contact Phil Burbrink or Rachel Fohne.

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 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!

Support our SGO fundraising campaign! 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 funding 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

Amount Raised as of September 30, 2026 \$6,350

IN OUR PRAYERS... **Birth:** Isla Rose McGaha born to Garrett and Maggie McGaha; Garrett is currently serving as an Air Force Pilot in Anchorage, Alaska; **Birthday:** Gloria Schultz's 90th birthday on October 6th; **Anniversary:** Justin and Elizabeth Tucker's tenth wedding anniversary; **Sick and Recovering:** Sandy Lagneau, Gloria Schultz, Conner Davis, Chris Nolting, Dennis Hoeltke, Barbara Hughes, Arayah Lutz, Marie Tellman, Art Ramsey, Dee Schurman, Jax Branaman, Jennifer Jeffares, Phyllis Fox, Riley Walton, Jill Scheidt, Andy and Patty Trobaugh (Katrina Smith's friends), Bob McDonald (Wendy Wiederhoeft's father), Ginger Stache (Doreen's daughter-in-law), Mike Sarver (Danny Johnson's friend), Allen Kanouse (Scott and Renee Strietelmeier's friend), Dakota Faith and Chaleece Leckron (Jayne Dornquast's friends), Pastor Jeff Pflug, Grayson Harker (Irene Shireman's friend), Liz Hettig (Evelyn Pence and Don Strietelmeier's niece), Brittany and Skye Spears (Sharon Templeton's relatives), Anthony Jaynes (Toni Howarth's father), Katy Garza (Clearys' niece), Lynn Ramberg, Ty Ramberg, and Deb Larsen (Kallis' friends), Connie Ball, Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friend), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father); **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), Garrett Grider and Terry Redelman (Kallis' friends)

90th BIRTHDAY... Gloria Schultz celebrated her 90th birthday on Tuesday, October 6th. Cards of congratulations can be mailed to Gloria at the Belmont, 540 Belmont Drive, Columbus, Indiana 47201.

SUNDAY LUNCHES...

Today No Lunch Served

Next Sunday, October 18th Corn Dogs with Macaroni and Cheese

October 25th Chicken Sandwiches

November 1st Hotdogs—KfC Day

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

+ October Newsletter; also online at stpaulcolumbus.org

+ October-December *Portals of Prayer*

+ New edition of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*

HOLY LAND PRESENTATION AND OLIVE WOOD HANDICRAFTS... **This morning** we welcome Johny Khair, a native of Bethlehem, who will share about the Christians of the Holy Land. More than 70% of the Christian community in the Holy Land depend upon tourism as their only source of income. Tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the war in Gaza. Many Christian families have fled their homeland since they lost their source of income. The Christian population of the Holy Land was 30% in the last century, but today it is less than 1% in the land of Christ.

There is a display of olive wood religious handicrafts from Bethlehem available for donations. The olivewood carvings include Nativity sets, crosses, ornaments, candle holders, and others. They make nice gifts for a wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter or Christmas. They are carved by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on their crafts for their daily bread. All proceeds support Christian families from Bethlehem.

CHURCH BUSY BAGS... Starting today busy bags are available for families with little ones to utilize during the service! The bags are on a coat rack next to the American flag in the gathering space. We hope the items in the bags will enhance the worship experience for those attending who are preschool aged and younger. The bags are tools meant to keep children engaged yet still able to listen during the service. Please only take one per family. After the service is over return the bag and its contents to the rack.

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. The last week for Harvest Mission is October 25th.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE... is tomorrow, **October 12th.**

GRIEF SMALL GROUP CLASS... All who are experiencing grief from the death of a loved one are invited to participate in this study which meets **every Wednesday** at 2 PM through November 18th. The class will be led by Marybeth Glick. For more information, please contact Marybeth Glick at marybethglick@gmail.com or 812-371-6254.

KITCHEN AND RESTROOM FLOOR WAXING... This **Thursday and Friday, October 15th and 16th**, the floors in the church kitchen and restroom will be stripped and waxed. Although the church will be open during these days, the kitchen and restrooms will be closed.

YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING... All young adults (post-high school and 20 somethings) are invited to Pastor and Michelle's house (3019 Revere Court, Columbus) for Bible study and fellowship **this Friday, October 16th** at 6:30 PM. Bring a snack to share if you desire. Questions? Call or text Pastor Bauman at 812-350-4115.

WAYMANSVILLE FISH FRY... St. Peter Waymansville invites you to their annual fish fry **next Sunday, October 18th** serving from 4-7 PM (dine-in, pickup, or carry out). The menu is fish sandwiches, hotdogs, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, chips, pie, and drinks. A freewill donation will be received for new playground equipment.

LUTHERAN MISSION IN ISRAEL PRESENTATION... You are invited to this special presentation by Pastor Sahar Sadlovsky Gold of Tel Aviv, Israel, on **Thursday, October 22nd** at 6:30 PM at Christ Lutheran in Noblesville (10055 East 186th Street, Noblesville). For more information, please contact the church at 317-773-3669.

REFORMATION SUNDAY... We will celebrate Reformation on **Sunday, October 25th**. The theme is "Fortified" based on Psalm 46. The Columbus Brass Quintet will be enriching our services through song.

Door Offering: A door offering will be received on Reformation Sunday to support the Aurora Circuit Church Workers Scholarship Fund (ACCWSF). This endowment supports members from our Aurora Circuit who are preparing for church work vocations. This school year Glory and Providence Wofford and Nathaniel Bauman together received more than \$10,000 in ACCWSF scholarships for the 2026-2027 school year.

INVITATION INSTALLATION... You are invited to the Installation of Pastor Peter Brock as Chaplain of Cedar Lake Lodge on **Sunday, October 25th** at 3 PM at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Louisville, Kentucky (8305 Nottingham Parkway, Louisville). We pray God's blessings upon Pastor Brock as he serves the residents of Cedar Lake Lodge.

GUITAR LESSONS... St. Paul member Chad Dornquist is offering a four-week guitar class for youth and adults on **Sunday afternoons, October 25th-November 15th** at 2 PM. This class is open to anyone ages 13 and older. There is no cost and guitars will be provided for each participant for the classes and for practice at home. In addition, each participant will receive a T-shirt.

The class is limited to five participants. To sign-up or for questions, please contact Chad at 812-343-4719 or chadcols@gmail.com.

ALL SAINTS DAY SPECIAL SERVICES... In the Divine Services on **Sunday, November 1st**, we will give thanks to God that He has made us His saints and we will remember those we know and love who are now with Him forever. Both services will include the commemoration of those from our church family who have entered into glory since the last All Saints Day. A trumpet soloist will be enriching our services with special music.

THRIVENT MEMBERS—WE NEED YOUR HELP...

If you are a Thrivent member, we need your help in fully utilizing your member benefits.

Action Team: Every Thrivent member can sponsor two \$250 action team projects every year. These can be fundraising, educational, or service projects. If you haven't used one or both of your action team grants for 2026, please contact the church office or Pastor Bauman for a list of possible action team grants.

Choice Dollars: There have been significant changes to the Choice Dollars Program. Please note the following:

- All Thrivent members now have Choice Dollars to designate.
- The amount of Choice Dollars for Thrivent members to designate has increased.
- The deadline to designate Choice Dollars has been moved up three months from March 31, 2027, to December 31, 2026.

If you are a Thrivent member, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars before the end of the year. You can also designate your Choice Dollars by phone at 800-847-4836. When prompted say, "Thrivent Choice" and then press 1.

We thank all our Thrivent members who utilize their benefits to support our mission and ministry.

PRAYER CHAIN... Bonnie England is updating the prayer chain list. We welcome new links in the chain to pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ. If interested, please call Bonnie at 812-447-7895. Praying for others is one way of serving God.

LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS... If you are interested in serving as a church officer or as a member of one of our church boards or if you would like to recommend someone to serve, please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER...

Sunday, November 1st: KfC Day, Noon-1:15 PM

Friday, November 6th: Euchre and Game Night, 6 PM

Sunday, November 15th: Baking for the Building

SPY and C4Life meet at the Fohne house, 5-7 PM

Sunday, November 22nd: ECL Silent Auction begins;
Concordia Counseling Presentation during Sunday School

Wednesday, November 25th: Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7 PM

Sunday, November 29th: Annual Meeting; 5 PM Pitch-in Supper; 6 PM Meeting

NEW ADDRESS... Pastor Bauman's father Dale has recently moved into an independent living facility. His new address is 5755 Norman Road, Apartment 162, Lincoln, Nebraska 68512.

THANKS FROM... Many thanks to the Board of Elders and to all our St. Paul family for remembering the 40th anniversary of my Ordination into the Holy Ministry. I was moved by your expressions of kindness and generosity. Tammy and I are so very blessed to be part of this amazing fellowship of believers! It is an honor and a privilege to serve here with you!

Pastor Patterson

The Response of God's People

Sunday, October 4th

Divine Service: **379**

Communion: **281**

Sunday School: **149**

Offering

General Fund: \$16,809.87

Needed Weekly: \$17,721

Extending Christ's Love: \$6,146.38 including \$390 for Catalog of Needed Items

Music Fund: \$497 Harp Recital Door Offerin



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