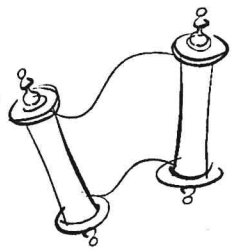


# St. Paul Epistle



The Monthly Newsletter of St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Surrounded by the Word of God and Prayer

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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

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Dear Church Family,

Excitement and enthusiasm continue to intensify as we move closer to Commitment Weekend for *Extending Christ's Love* on August 17-18. My heart is filled with joy as many of you have shared with me your support for this endeavor, both acknowledging our current needs for more space and also confident that many more will be blessed through the Sunday School and Bible classes, early childhood ministry, youth ministry, and Spanish services and outreach that will occur in the Christian Education Center.

As we prepare to offer our pledges, this entire process must be surrounded by the Word of God and prayer. As we read in Psalm 127:1: *Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.* I encourage you to pray daily for our congregation and for *Extending Christ's Love*. In addition, I encourage you to take advantage of the following opportunities to join with your church family as we gather around God's Word and pray together:

### **Extending Christ's Love Sermon Series on Ephesians: July 14-September 1**

We will focus on this powerful epistle, rejoicing in Christ's love for us, and then, through the Word, being empowered to extend Christ's love in our daily callings. The list of sermon texts and themes are found on the News and Notes page.

### **Extending Christ's Love Bible Study: July 21-August 11**

Please make it a priority to attend this four-week study as we search the Scriptures as God teaches us how He works through us to extend His love to others.

### **Prayer Vigil: Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

We need others to pray for us, and we are called to pray for others. The Prayer Vigil gives us the opportunity to do this. In your campaign packet are prayer request cards. Write down one or two prayer requests per card and return these prayer request cards to the gathering space before the Prayer Vigil. Additional prayer cards are available in the gathering space.

On Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, I strongly encourage you to attend one of the 30-minute Prayer Vigil times offered in the morning (8, 8:30, 9, and 9:30) and in the evening (5, 5:30, 6, 6:30). Each session will begin with a short opening devotion. Then participants will take a stack of prayer request cards and offer these prayers to the Lord. The time will conclude with a closing prayer, Lord's Prayer, and blessing.

### **Rally Day: Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

Please plan to attend the special activities planned for Rally Day, and make the commitment to be in the Word in the coming year.

### **Commitment Service and Celebration: Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

This evening gives us the opportunity to worship, fellowship, and celebrate together as a church family. We will gather for a Service of Thanksgiving at 5 PM. During that service, our pledges will be dedicated to the Lord. Following the service, we will enjoy a meal together. As we enjoy supper and fellowship, the pledges will be tabulated and the total amount pledged to that point will be announced at the end of the meal. We want our entire church family, young and old, to join us. Please RSVP for the meal by Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> in the gathering space or on the church website.

In 1 Timothy 4:4-5, we learn that all things from God are to be received with thanksgiving for they are made holy by the Word of God and prayer. May these coming weeks be filled for you with God's Word, prayer, and thanksgiving as we rejoice in God's love for us in Christ and seek to extend His love to others.

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

*Pastor Bauman*





# Musical Notes

Entrust your days and burdens

To God's most loving hand;

He cares for you while ruling

The sky, the sea, the land.

For He who guides the tempests

Along their thunderous ways

Will find for you a pathway

And guide you all your days.

*LSB 754, Entrust Your Days and Burdens*

The opening stanza of Paul Gerhardt's hymn remains as relevant today as when written about 375 years ago—God continually loves and cares for His people. He is **always** faithful! We can trust in the Lord and bring everything to Him in prayer, knowing that our prayers are both heard and answered.

As we move into August and the new school year, our choirs will also begin rehearsing for the fall season. I would like to encourage you to consider singing or ringing in one of the choirs and join us in proclaiming a joyful sound to the Lord, supporting the spoken Word through the church's song. Please prayerfully consider using the gifts you have been given to praise and glorify our Lord and Savior.

I would also like to encourage the congregation to continue actively participating in singing hymns and the liturgy during worship. Congregational singing is profoundly counter-cultural—we join together in praising God and not ourselves! Our hymns allow us to pray, praise, and give thanks; express joy, grief, sorrow, and despair; and rejoice in the certainty that we will live eternally with our Savior in heaven. Thanks be to God for the gift of our voices, and all thanks and praise be to God as we join together in raising a joyful noise unto Him!

In Christ,

Dan



**Sr. Handbells** will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 7, at 6:00 pm.

**Sr. Choir** will resume rehearsing on Wednesday, August 7, from 7:00-8:15 pm.

**Jr. Choir** will resume rehearsing on Sunday, August 4, from 9:30-9:50 am.

**Small Group Handbells** will resume rehearsals on Monday, August 19, at 11:00 am.

**Jr. Handchimes** will begin rehearsing on Sunday, August 11, at 12:30 pm.

**Jr. Handbells** will begin rehearsing on Sunday, August 11, at 1:15 pm.

**Choristers** will begin rehearsing on Sunday, August 11, at 1:45 pm.

If you are interested in more information or have questions, please contact me at (church) 812-603-8960, (mobile) 812-927-9319, or email

[kantor@StPaulColumbus.org](mailto:kantor@StPaulColumbus.org)



# Early Childhood Ministry



The greatest strength in education is found in the quality of relationships formed in the classroom. Teachers get to know their students so they have a better understanding of what children know and how they can be challenged. Students learn best in the company of their peers. This is the time frame when children learn relational skills. This contributes to their total development.

Standard 5 in the National Lutheran School Accreditation tool addresses the interactions between staff and students. The Accreditation team will be looking at our approach to building Christ-centered relationships within our school setting. The team will want to know if we are providing a safe learning environment for students. This includes their social/emotional development. The team will observe how the staff treats others with respect. This includes our posture, tone, and responsiveness. It will be important to demonstrate how we support a child's ability to take care of their own needs and discover solutions to problems.

This evaluation will analyze how the staff engages with all children, without bias. The staff need to demonstrate how they celebrate each family's culture. The NLSA team will also review our discipline policy to make sure it protects children, provides boundaries, and follows the law.

The most important relationship we encourage at St. Paul Lutheran ECM is the one we have with our Savior, Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God that He has adopted us into His family and calls us His children. Through this incredible relationship, we are gifted with grace, mercy, and eternal life.

~Blessings,

Jen Probst, ECM Director

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## Meet our School Staff

Kindergarten teacher – Anne Wiltsey  
Kindergarten aide – Caroline Wilcox  
Preschool teachers – Michelle Schultz and Jen Probst  
Preschool 3's aides – Sally Haak and Glory Wofford  
Preschool 4's aides – Sarah Lewis and Amy Yeley  
STREAM – Jen Probst, Gayla Alesandro, Glory Wofford  
Extended Care (M/W/F) – Glory Wofford  
Extended Care (T/Th) – Caroline Wilcox

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## Serving our Students

Our school is always on the lookout for people who have the heart and the interest to serve our little children. With the growth of our student body, St. Paul ECM is looking for people to serve as substitutes in morning classes or afternoon extended care. Please contact Jen Probst if you are interested in any of the following positions:

- substitute teachers
- substitute teacher assistants
- extended care helpers



**July 30** – Staff beginning of year meeting at 9 AM

**August 4** – Teacher Installation at 8 AM  
– ECM Board Meeting

**5** – Parent meeting at 6:30 PM

**6** – Kindergarten opening chapel at 8:20 AM

**18** – “Pre” School family event at 3 PM

**19** – Doves opening chapel at 8:20 AM

**20** – Lambs opening chapel at 8:20 AM

**21** – First day of STREAM class

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~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!

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Join us as we celebrate Christian Education and kickoff the new Sunday School year, gathering around the theme *Extending Christ's Love*.

The day includes many events and activities as we prepare to Extend Christ's Love through the Christian Education Center.

Please plan to spend a joy-filled day of worship, learning, fellowship, and fun with your church family!

**8 AM** Rally Day Service with installation of early childhood ministry staff

**9:15 AM** Fellowship

**9:30 AM** Rally Day Opening in the fellowship room. Faith Milestones Presentation. Extending Christ's Love devotion and activity, followed by Sunday School classes for children, youth, and adults

**10:45 AM** Rally Day Service

**Noon** Young and old are invited to enjoy a hotdog lunch; Please RSVP to Rachel Fohne at [rnolting@alumni.iu.edu](mailto:rnolting@alumni.iu.edu) or 812-343-3786 by Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> if you plan to attend

**12:30-1:15 PM** All youth groups meet for games and activities

**12:30 PM** Meeting in the sanctuary for parents of all children and youth as we discuss long-range planning for youth ministry

**1:15 PM** The Kona Ice Truck will be onsite for tasty treats

**1:30 PM** (approximately) National Youth Gathering Information Meeting for all incoming 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents in the music room

## Adult Bible Classes

### Sundays

*Extending Christ's Love Bible Study:* Join us for this four-week study from July 21<sup>st</sup>-August 11<sup>th</sup> as we explore the Scriptures as God teaches us how He works through us to extend His love to others.

**Small Group Discussion Class** will resume in the Conference Room on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Wednesdays

**9 AM** now-July 31<sup>st</sup>: *Looking Ahead to Sunday Morning* is a study of the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday led by Pastor Fickenscher.

**9 AM** beginning August 7<sup>th</sup>: We will continue our study of the book of Acts.

**6 PM** beginning August 7<sup>th</sup>: During this school year, we will study First, Second, and Third John and Hebrews. Childcare is provided.

### First and Third Thursdays

**6 PM** Women's Bible study led by Deaconess Taylor.

## Confirmation

**July 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:15 AM:** Confirmand Parent and Student meeting in the sanctuary. All seventh and eighth graders and parents should plan to attend. If you cannot attend, please contact Pastor Bauman

**August Sunday Confirmation Schedule:** On Rally Day, August 4<sup>th</sup>, only the 9:30 AM class will meet. Confirmands will join other C4Life and SPY youth for lunch and games following second service.

On Sundays, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, both the 9:30 AM and 12:15 PM classes will meet with lunch provided.

**Confirmation Retreat at Lakeview Villages:** Our Confirmation Retreat is August 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. Dropoff is Friday at 6:30 PM and pickup is Saturday at 4 PM.

## Youth Music

We encourage parents to have their children participate in youth music, offered during Sunday School and Sunday afternoons.

**Sunday School Music** beginning on Rally Day, August 4<sup>th</sup>

The Jr. Choir (grades 2-6) rehearse from 9:30-9:50 AM and the Children's Choir (first grade and younger) rehearse from 10:10-10:30 AM.

**Afternoon Choirs** beginning Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Jr. Handchimes at 12:30 PM

Jr. Handbells at 1:15 PM

Choristers at 1:45 PM

*Lunch is provided for afternoon choir participants.*

## Sunday Lunches

Volunteers are needed to prepare lunches for those who are remaining after second service. The food is provided. Please sign up to serve in the gathering space.

August 4<sup>th</sup>—Rally Day: Cookout, hotdogs and sides

August 11<sup>th</sup>: Sandwich Bar

August 18<sup>th</sup>: Lasagna and Garlic Bread

August 25<sup>th</sup>: Taco Bar

## Informational Meetings

On Rally Day, there will be two informational meetings. The first is a meeting for all parents at 12:30 PM in the sanctuary. As your children are enjoying youth activities, we would like to share with you some long-range planning for youth and Christian education and seek your input on how to strengthen our youth and Christian education ministry.

At approximately 1:30 PM in the music room, all incoming 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are invited to an informational meeting regarding the LCMS National Youth Gathering which will be July 19-

23, 2025, in New Orleans. This is an opportunity for our youth to join with more than 20,000 youth for worship, Bible study, fellowship, and spiritual growth. For more information, please contact Pastor Bauman.



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St. Paul Lutheran Church  
& Early Childhood Ministry

# News and Notes

## Extending Christ's Love Upcoming Events

### Important Reminders

- Return your **prayer request cards** before the Prayer Vigil on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Please RSVP for the Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> **celebration meal** by Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. You may sign-up in the gathering space or on the church website: [stpaulcolumbus.org](http://stpaulcolumbus.org)
- Please turn in your **pledge card** at the Celebration Service on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> or before the service so that all pledges can be dedicated to the Lord that evening.

### Calendar of Events

#### **July 14<sup>th</sup>-September 1<sup>st</sup> Extending Christ's Love Sermon Series**

Paul's letter to the Ephesians is all about the love of God. We will focus on this powerful Epistle, rejoicing in Christ's love for us and through the Word being empowered to extend Christ's love in our daily callings. Here are the texts and themes:

July 14<sup>th</sup>: In Love—Ephesians 1:3-14

July 21<sup>st</sup>: One Body in Love—Ephesians 2:11-22

July 28<sup>th</sup>: Rooted and Ground in Love—Ephesians 3:14-21

August 4<sup>th</sup>—Rally Day: Speaking the Truth in Love—Ephesians 4:1-16

August 11<sup>th</sup>: Walking in Love—Ephesians 4:17-5:2

August 18<sup>th</sup>—Commitment Weekend: Hearts Overflowing with Worship, Thanks, and Praise—Ephesians 5:6-21

August 25<sup>th</sup>—Christ's Love for His Bride—Ephesians 5:22-33

September 1<sup>st</sup>—Equipped to Love—Ephesians 6:10-20



#### **Sundays, July 21<sup>st</sup>- August 11<sup>th</sup>—Extending Christ's Love Bible Study**

Please plan to attend this Bible study as we explore what the Bible teaches about receiving Christ's love and then responding to His love by extending His love to others.

#### **Saturday, August 3—Prayer Vigil**

Please set aside thirty minutes on this Saturday morning or evening to come and pray for our congregation and submitted prayer requests. Prayer times are 8 AM, 8:30 AM, 9 AM, and 9:30 AM, and 5 PM, 5:30 PM, 6 PM, and 6:30 PM.

#### **Saturday, August 17—Commitment Service of Thanksgiving and Celebratory Meal**

At 5 PM, we will gather for a service of praise and thanksgiving where our pledges will be dedicated to the Lord. Following the service, we will enjoy a meal together. The menu is a variety of Italian casseroles, garlic bread, green salad and toppings, applesauce, cottage cheese, desserts, and drinks. At the conclusion of the meal, the total amount pledged to that point will be announced.

#### **Sunday, August 18—Celebration Sunday**

Our Extending Christ's Love celebration continues at our Sunday services on August 18<sup>th</sup> and with an extended fellowship hour.

## Rally Day is August 4<sup>th</sup>

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## Moms in the Word Pool Party

Join us for a pool party on **Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 10 AM at the Wint family's house (5230 W 800 N, Scipio). Bring the kiddos for a fun morning of swimming! Children of all ages are welcome! Feel free to pack a sack lunch and join us for a picnic lunch after swimming.

## ECM Parent Meeting

The Parent Meeting for our early childhood ministry families is **Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM in the church. Childcare is available upon request by contacting Director Jen Probst at [director@stpaulcolumbus.org](mailto:director@stpaulcolumbus.org).

## Orphan Grain Train News

St. Paul serves the OGT by sorting donated items for distribution the first Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in volunteering, come join us on **Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>** from 10 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 of gently used clothing and furnishings are needed and appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at any time at the trailer located on the east side of the warehouse.

## Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord

Our adult and youth choirs will resume rehearsals in August. We invite all to join us.

**Sr. Handbells** rehearse Wednesdays at 6 PM.

**Sr. Choir** rehearses Wednesdays at 7 PM.

**Small Group Handbells** rehearses Mondays at 11 AM.

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

**Jr. Handchimes** rehearse Sundays at 12:30 PM.

**Jr. Handbells** rehearse Sundays at 1:15 PM.

**Choristers** rehearse Sundays at 1:45 PM.

For more information on our choirs, please contact Kantor Mau.

**Back to Choir Bash:** Senior choir members and anyone interested in joining choir are invited. Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 PM at the Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum (adjacent to local airport). Barbeque, pitch-in and time to tour the museum. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship. Call Kris Taylor (812-350-0946) to RSVP or if you have questions.

## Wednesday Bible Studies

You are invited to join us for Wednesday morning and evening Bible studies. Both classes will resume meeting on **Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>** with the following studies. The morning class begins at 9 AM and will continue their study of Acts. The evening class meets at 6 PM and will be studying First, Second, and Third John, and the book of Hebrews this school year. Childcare is provided during the evening class.

## Euchre Night

Join us for Euchre Night on **Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>** at 6 PM at the church. The freewill offering collected that night will go toward the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Remember, there will be games other than euchre available, so plan to join us for an evening of games, fun, and food.

## Just Friends Open House

Just Friends (900 Lindsey Street, Columbus) is hosting an Open House on **Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**, 10 AM-noon. Come enjoy omelets and muffins while learning more about Just Friends!

## Homeschool Religion Class

During the school year, we offer a Homeschool Religion Class for members and non-members **Mondays at 9:30 AM**. If you want more information about this class, please speak to Pastor Bauman.

## Concordia Counseling Opening Service and Celebration

Concordia Counseling, A Lutheran Outreach Ministry, will hold its Opening Service on **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Seymour. The service will mark the official opening of Concordia Counseling, a non-profit ministry that exists to provide compassionate counseling services that are Biblically sound, clinically effective, and financially affordable. Please join us for the installation of Brianna Spray to serve as a full-time school counselor and Rev. Dr. Nicholas Fuller to serve as a full-time outpatient therapist. Deaconess-Elect, Michelle Downey, will be installed as CEO and Clinical supervisor and commissioned as an LCMS Deaconess. A hymn sing will begin at 3:45 PM and the service will begin at 4 PM. There will be a meal following the service and music by "Elements of Jazz." No RSVP required.

**Matching Gift Opportunity:** An anonymous donor has pledged \$50,000 to be matched dollar-for-dollar on all donations to Concordia Counseling now-December 15, 2024. This includes the offering at the Opening Service and Celebration. Donations may be mailed to 504 North Walnut Street, Seymour, Indiana 47274.

## Preschool and Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year continues. Registration information is available in the gathering space and on the church website ([stpaulcolumbus.org/ecmregistration](http://stpaulcolumbus.org/ecmregistration)). Four openings remain in the Little Lambs (three year old) class, and four openings remain in the kindergarten class.

## Classroom Helpers Needed

Our early childhood ministry is growing! For the 2024-2025 school year, we are seeking extended care helpers, substitute teachers, and substitute teacher assistants. For more information or to apply, please contact Director Jen Probst ([director@stpaulcolumbus.org](mailto:director@stpaulcolumbus.org))

## Our Latino Outreach

In early July, 120 Spanish Bibles with Luther's Small Catechism and a sticker with information on our Spanish services, were distributed at La Guanajuato Grocery Store on State Street west of church. The store's owner was eager for this gift to the community to be made available at his store, and Pastor Fickenscher is eager to see what



future outreach opportunities might be possible through connections with the area's largest ethnic grocery store. The Bibles were provided by Cornerstone Lutheran in Carmel, who had them in storage for over ten years. While Pastor Fickenscher had intended to use them among the members in Columbus and Indy, they turned out to be a different translation than what we use (similar to KJV instead of ESV), so he's glad that they could be repurposed specifically for outreach. Pray that faith would be strengthened through the reading of them and that more folks would join us on Sundays.



## Mission of the Month

The August Mission of the Month is Lutherans for Life/Y4Life. The mission of Lutherans for Life is to equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel motivated voices for life. Lutherans for Life has free resources on their website ([lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org) or [y4life.org](http://y4life.org)) on a number of life topics. For more information, please speak to David Probst or Michelle Bauman.

## Official Acts

Harriett June Barringer, daughter of Caleb and Samantha Barringer, was baptized on June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Brent and Kimberly Chandler were received into membership by confirmation on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Bob and Cindy Hendershot were received into membership by transfer on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Garrett and Emily (Ireland) Pevlor were united in marriage on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Our Christian Stewardship

### January-June 2024 Financial Report

Offerings Needed:	\$400,322
Offerings Received:	<u>\$403,411</u>
Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 3,089
Total Income:	\$481,463
Total Expenses:	<u>\$451,075</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 30,388

*Thanks for your faithful and generous support of mission and ministry!*

## LWML News

Thank you to all who have donated to the **Harvest Mission Project**. Tables will continue to be set up in the gathering space on the second and fourth Sundays from now through October for members of St. Paul to share the surplus from their fields and gardens.

### Here's how it works:

1. If you have surplus fruits, veggies, or plants, feel free to place them on these tables.
2. Others may pick up items from the table to take home and use for their families (bags will be provided).
3. If they wish, they will place a donation in the box on the table. Funds collected will go to St. Paul's Food Bank to help pay for milk, eggs, meats, etc.

If you have any questions, or would like to help with this mission, please contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142.

In June, the **Indiana District LWML Convention** was held in Danville, IN. Several members of our congregation attended, served, or spoke at the convention. Highlights:

- **The district distributed \$135,000** to fully fund 14 mission grants, including for local grants: Pastor Fickenscher's Latino/Hispanic Outreach (with Indianapolis), Michele Bauman's Y4Life/Lutherans for Life, Concordia Counseling in Seymour, Lutheran Bible Translators (Computers in Ethiopia), and the Japanese Mission Society ESL Bibles.
- **Convention Offerings, Mission Walk, and Silent Auction** pulled in more than \$12,000 to support missions and mites, and that's *not including* Offering 4 taken Sunday morning for the LWML Scholarship Fund.
- **In-Gathering items and donations:** Fifty-nine duffle bags and \$1,075 for Lutheran Family Services; 1,361 items and \$585 for the Swaddling Clothes program; 484 food items and supplies and \$385 for the First Timothy Lutheran Church.
- **Friday's Servant Events:** Nineteen fleece tie blankets and 133 encouragement cards for Phil's Friends; 112 reusable sanitary napkins for Hands of Mercy; 1000s of used stamps were clipped and sorted to support mites.



### SAVE THE DATE:

Your next chance to enjoy a **Euchre Tournament and Family Game Night** will be **Friday, August 9, at 6 PM** at the church. The freewill offering collected that night will go toward the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Remember, there will be games other than euchre available, so plan to join us for an evening of games, fun, and food.

The next **Sewing in Fellowship Day** is set for **Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9 AM to noon** in the fellowship hall. Several ladies were on hand in April to cut material and sew costumes for VBS and the Children's Christmas programs, so we'll continue to work on both projects this fall. Contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142 for more information.

The **LWML Fall Zone Rally** is set for **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at Faith Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Indiana. Mark your calendars to attend this fun-filled fellowship and planning event.

### LWML Mission Grant Highlights 2023-2025

Each month the LWML highlights one or more of the 31 adopted 2023-2025 Mission Grants. July focused on two mission grants in Kenya: Water and the Word and Care for Street Children. To learn more about these, or any of the 31 mission grants, visit the bulletin board in the gathering space, or [www.lwml.org/mission-grants](http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants).

#### *Water and the Word Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya | \$80,000*

Water and the Word will assist the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya to provide clean water and pastoral care to students in 12 rural elementary and middle schools. About 10,000 lives will be impacted by this grant. The grant will also help cover the travel expenses for pastors to travel to the schools every three to four months to check on the water systems and provide pastoral care.

#### *Care for Street Children of Western Kenya - Capstone Ministries | \$50,000*

Capstone Ministries helps reunite street boys with their families. Its staff provides ongoing support to these families by giving emotional and spiritual counseling to be responsible parents and to take care of their children.

# Serving at St. Paul

Service	Usher Team	Elders	Greeters
8 AM	Team D	Adam Hall & Carl Shaffer	Dave and Jen Probst
10:45 AM	Team F	Wiley Umphress & Steve Voelz	Warren and Molly Scheidt

Day	Acolyte	Flowers	Radio	Fellowship Hour
4	8 AM Sarah Arnholt	Jeff & Mary Booher	Jim & Pam Roth	
	10:45 AM Haley Hauersperger			
11	8 AM Addy Arnholt	Don & Debbie Schroer	Wilbur & Bonnie England	
	10:45 AM Ridge Koester			
18	8 AM Julia Burbrink	Jeff & Claudette Schroer		Extending Christ's Love
	10:45 AM Ellis Sperry			
25	8 AM Jaclyn Dettmer		Eric & Linda Scheidt	
	10:45 AM Elijah Stepper			





# St. Paul Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Ministry

## August 2024

Our Sunday Schedule  
8:00 AM Divine Service  
9:10 AM Fellowship  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
9:30 AM Radio Service  
10:45 AM Divine Service English & Spanish  
Noon Lunch  
12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study  
12:15 PM Youth Confirmation (beginning 8/11)  
12:30 PM Jr. Handbells (beginning 8/11)  
1:15 PM Jr. Handbells (beginning 8/11)  
1:45 PM Choristers (beginning 8/11)  
7:00 PM Lutheran Hour

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			<u>Wednesday Schedule</u> 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service 6 PM Bible Study 6 PM Sr. Handbells 7 PM Sr. Choir	<b>1</b> Shut-in Visits 6 PM Women's Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8-10 AM Prayer Vigil 5-7 PM Prayer Vigil
<b>4</b> Rally Day Mite Box Sunday 8 AM ECM Teacher/Staff Installation 9:30 AM Faith Milestones Noon All Youth Groups Meet	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM ECM Parent Meeting 7 PM Finance and Grants Committee	<b>6</b> First Day of Kindergarten 8:20 AM Chapel 10 AM-Noon OGT Workday	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6 PM Euchre Night	<b>10</b> Noon-4 PM Church Reserved
<b>11</b> 1-6 PM Church Reserved	<b>12</b> September Newsletter Deadline 9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6 PM Women's Bible Study	<b>16</b> Church Reserved	<b>17</b> 5 PM Commitment Service Sr. Choir and Handbells 5:30 PM Congregational Meal
<b>18</b> Celebration Sunday Extended Fellowship Time 3 PM "Pre" School Event	<b>19</b> First Day for Doves 8:20 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class 11 AM Small Group Handbells	<b>20</b> First Day for Lambs 8:20 AM Chapel	<b>21</b> First Day of STREAM Class	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:30 PM Back to Choir Bash
<b>25</b> Jr. Choir sings 4 PM Concordia Counseling Opening Service and Meal	<b>26</b> 9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class 11 AM Small Group Handbells	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6 PM Sr. Handbells	<b>29</b> 1:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>