



*O Come, O Come*  
Advent Service of Song

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

First Sunday in Advent  
November 27, 2022

# 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 812-392-2732 to activate our **Prayer Chain**. Your fellow church members will pray for you.

**Our Communion Practice:** Scripture teaches that the Lord's Supper is a meal for baptized believers where the bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, and that through this Sacrament God grants us the forgiveness of sins and strength for our faith. Holy Scripture reminds us in 1 Corinthians 11:27-34 that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm. It is out of love and care for each individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask that those who hold a different belief or church membership than that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are not instructed and confirmed in the faith, or doubt the presence of Christ and His power in the Sacrament to refrain from attending the Lord's Supper. Please respect our position of love in this matter of pastoral care and speak with the pastor with any questions regarding the Lord's Supper.

**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) meet in the Quiet Room  
Sunday School classes for ages three-sixth grade  
Confirmation Instruction (grades 7-8) led by Pastor Patterson  
Sr. High Youth in the Youth Room  
Adult Bible Study *God's Plan—Your Purpose* led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room.

### Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau  
8 AM Acolyte: Keren Lewis  
10:45 AM Acolyte: Reid Koester

## Church Calendar

Today	<b>8:00 AM Advent Service of Song</b> 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM <b>9:30 AM DCE LaBelle Recognition</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School <b>10:45 AM Advent Service of Song</b> Noon Lunch Noon SPY and C4Life Gingerbread Service Project Noon Confirmation Make Up Session 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 5:00 PM Pitch-in Dinner <b>6:00 PM Annual Meeting</b> 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour on WYGS
Monday	No School—Professional Development 9:00 AM—Noon Gingerbread Baking 11:00 AM Small Group Handbells
Tuesday	8:15 AM—11 AM Gingerbread Baking 6:30 PM Girl Scouts
Wednesday	9:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Sr. Handbells <b>6:45 PM Midweek Advent Service</b> 7:45 PM Sr. Choir
Thursday	Shut-in Visits 8:30 AM-11 AM Gingerbread Baking 7:00 PM Tri-W Meeting
Saturday	Christmas Decorating Church Reserved
Next Sunday	Mite Box Sunday <b>8:00 AM Divine Service</b> 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 9:30 AM Sunday School <b>10:45 AM Divine Service English and Spanish</b> Noon Lunch Noon Convivio 1:30 PM Church Reserved 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour on WYGS

**MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK...** *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*  
Romans 15:13.

**TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY...** is sponsored by Julia Bense in celebration of the 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of her daughter and son-in-law, Ray and Lee Ann Anspaugh.

**IN OUR PRAYERS...** Sick and Recovering: Gloria Schultz, Don Strietelmeier, Scott Strietelmeier, Morgan Arnholt and child, Kathy Harner, Bob Runge, Taffy Schroer, Reid Koester, Irene Shireman, Lucy Nolting, Karen Kruger, Paul Meier, Elizabeth Scheidt, Kay Newton, Kathy Hoover, Noah LaSpina (Renee Strietelmeier's friend), Mackenzie Cameron (Kathy Harner's granddaughter), Jean Jack (White Creek Teacher), Charles Oliver (Corbin Oliver's grandfather), Lewis Pollert (Bruce Pollert's brother), Jim Grosdanis (Cleary's daughter father-in-law), Michael England (Wilbur and Bonnie's son), Ruth Jelneck (Cleary's friend), Marilyn Kubicek (Lagneau's daughter), Jim and Jeannie Baute (Jeff Booher's uncle and aunt), Frances Hughes (Glenn Hughes' brother), Stacey Wetherald (Derek Wessel's sister), Cooper Williams (Greensburg HS student), Angela Quincey (Mark Owens' daughter), Brian Purdue (Jane Morris' son), Steve Norman (Yeley's friend), Jan Johnson (Bridges' friend), Richard Helt (Gerald's brother), Chris Sichtung (Jon Scheidt's mother-in-law), Mark Bense (Spurling's friend), Arlene Kruger (Kruger's sister-in-law), Bruce Glick (Tim's father), Ken Claycamp (Darcy Roxbury's father), Steve Wessel (Kirby's friend), Patsy Lewis (Matthew Lewis' mother), Robert Carmichael (Glenn Hughes' friend), Carol Zimmerman (John and Gail Jones' niece), Fran Sapper (Cleary's friend), Paul and Judy Ketner (Julia Bense's friends), Julie Phillips (Bonnie Nolting's sister), and Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend); Active Military: Noah Hoeltke and Garrett Pevlor.

**WE WELCOME...** into our family of faith at the 8 AM service this morning Bob and Sandy Banister, Lauren Banister, and Caroline Turi. May God richly bless them as they worship and serve with us.

**ANNUAL MEETING PACKETS AND DECEMBER NEWSLETTERS...** are available in the gathering space. The December newsletter is also available online. Please read the Annual Meeting Packet before this evening and come to the meeting with any questions you may have.

**SUNDAY MEALS...** Thanks to everyone who signed up to prepare and serve a meal. The menu for upcoming Sundays:  
Today: Pizza (Gingerbread Dough Servant Event)  
December 4: Spanish stew, beans, tortillas, fruit  
December 11: Pizza, applesauce, dessert  
December 18 and 25: No meal served

**DCE LaBELLE RECOGNITION AND THANKS...** At the beginning of Sunday School **today**, we will recognize and thank DCE LaBelle for her 19 years of service to our congregation. We thank DCE LaBelle for her faithful service and pray God's richest blessings as she serves as Education

Director at Clarity. Her new email is Cheryl.LaBelle@ClarityCares.org.

**YOUTH SERVANT EVENTS...** SPY and C4Life: We need servant leaders! Please plan to attend the following events:

**Today:** Gingerbread House Dough Making. Enjoy pizza following second service and then remain to make the dough for the gingerbread houses. Parents are also invited to attend.

**Today:** Enjoy the pitch-in at 5 PM and then provide childcare during the annual meeting beginning at 6 PM.

**Tomorrow, November 28<sup>th</sup>:** BCSC does not have school. Come at 9 AM and help bake gingerbread houses in the morning. A Chick-fil-A lunch will be provided for youth in attendance.

**ANNUAL MEETING...** Our annual meeting is **tonight**. A pitch-in is at 5 PM (meat, drinks, and table service provided). The meeting begins at 6 PM with childcare provided. Please plan to attend as the meeting will include the Planning Committee's presentation of the final phase of the Master Plan, the Christian Education Center. There will also be a collection of canned/dry goods to stock our food pantry. Please consider bringing an item or two to contribute.

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES...** are **Wednesdays, November 30, December 6, 13, and 20** at 6:45 PM. Our midweek advent services will continue the theme of the Advent Service of Song, *O Come, O Come* focusing on a different stanza of the advent hymn, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* at each service. Plan to take advantage of these worship opportunities as part of your advent devotion.

**GINGERREAD HOUSE BAKING AND ASSEMBLY...** Your help is needed to make gingerbread houses for our Christmas Family Fun Night. We will be baking **tomorrow, November 28<sup>th</sup> 9 AM – Noon, Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 8:15-11 AM, and Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30-11 AM**. The gingerbread houses will be assembled on **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM**. Come for one or more days, serve an hour or two or the entire shift. Whatever help you can give is appreciated! Please sign up for one or more shifts on the signup sheet posted in the gathering space.

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Katie Arnholt.

**BETHLEHEM WALK...** Prince of Peace, Martinsville invites you to their Bethlehem Walk **this Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5-8 PM**. This expanded live nativity takes participants back in time to the first Christmas. Tickets are free but must be reserved by calling the church office at 765-342-2004.

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WORKDAY...** St. Paul serves the Orphan Grain Train sorting donated items for distribution the first Tuesday of each month. Come and join us on **Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** from 10 AM-noon. If you cannot attend, the need for volunteers is ongoing so feel free to volunteer anytime during their regular hours: Tuesdays-Thursdays 10 AM-3 PM. Individuals can also assist OGT by donating gently used household items (appliances, furniture, clothing, etc.).

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT...** St. Paul Girl Scouts is sponsoring a Parents Night Out on **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30-9:30 PM at the church. Movie, snacks, and activities are planned for a freewill donation. To register, call Crista Burbrink at 812-216-1982.

**CAROLING AND CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN NIGHT...** You are invited to go Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Meet at the church at 3 PM.

At 5 PM, we will gather for our Christmas Family Fun night, a supper of hot dogs, sloppy joes, veggies with dip, baked beans, chips, cookies, hot chocolate, and drinks served by the Tri-W followed by gingerbread house decorating and other family activities. Please bring a bag or two of candy for the gingerbread house decorating.

**MOMS IN THE WORD...** meets on **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at 10 AM at the church. Moms and little ones are invited to attend this Bible study and fellowship time. For more information, please contact Mackenzie Wint or Andrea Cotton.

**175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF AND PITCH-IN...** Celebrate with your fellow church members on **Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>** with one service at 10 AM followed by a special ethnically diverse pitch-in. Help leaders plan by signing up now in the gathering space. Ham, Mexican rice, hot German potato salad and soup will be provided. Please bring a salad or side dish to share.

**FINANCIAL PEACE DISCUSSION CLASS...** Phil and Crista Burbrink are hosting a Financial Peace University class beginning **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** during the Sunday School hour. They will be assisting you to beat debt by learning how to budget, save for emergencies, and make a plan for the future. FPU is a nine-lesson course taught by Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts. With FPU, participants will learn step by step how to handle money using biblical wisdom and common sense. You can change your future today by joining this *Financial Peace University* class. You'll learn to pay off debt fast, save more money, and build lasting wealth. The signup deadline is December 18<sup>th</sup> and sign up is \$10 per person. Contact: Philip Burbrink @ 812-344-9946 or Crista Burbrink @ 812-216-1982.

**INTERIM STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS...** begin serving **this Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**: Jackie Arnholt and Melissa Pevlor will serve in the church office, Mike and Jan Hackman will oversee the pantry and kitchen supplies, and Katie Arnholt will coordinate the Sunday meals. Pray for our congregation during this time of transition and as we begin the search for the individual(s) who will serve in these ministry areas.

## **The Response of God's People**

**Last Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

Divine Service Attendance: **306**; Communion: **238**

Christian Education Attendance: **158**

Offering: **\$18,075.25**

Needed Weekly: \$13,590

Friends of Clifty Church: \$11,770 including \$1,200 wish list donation

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Ministry**

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ECM Assistants: Gayla Alesandro, Sarah Lewis, Kacey Patterson, Glory Wofford, and Amy Yeley

*Reaching out with Christ's Love to Serve and to Grow*