

*But now in Christ Jesus  
you who once were far away  
have been brought near  
by the blood of Christ.*



*Ephesians 2:13*

## *Tear Down This Wall*

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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 18, 2021

# 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 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.

## Christian Education Opportunities

**Children's Sunday School** for ages three to sixth grade meets in the third and fourth grade classroom.

**Jr. and Sr. High Youth** meet in the Youth Room for a class led by DCE Cheryl LaBelle.

**Adult Bible Study:** Pastor Bauman leads a study on the *Small Catechism* in the **fellowship room**.

**Note: Teachers are needed for the Children's Classes this summer. Please sign up in the gathering space.**

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau  
8 AM Acolyte: Jonah Knollman  
10:45 AM Acolyte: Jaclyn Dettmer

## Church Calendar

Sunday

**8:00 AM Divine Service**

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

9:30 AM Sunday School

**10:45 AM Divine Service English and Spanish**

Noon Spanish Sunday School

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour on WYGS

Wednesday 5:00 PM Staff Meeting

Saturday 7/24-Saturday 7/31 DCE LaBelle on vacation

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**LIVING THE SERMON...** As you listen to the sermon today, what walls have you constructed that separate you from others? Seek our Lord's help to tear down the walls of pride, arrogance, hostility, and prejudice that you have built so that you love and care for all in Christ's name.

**PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH...** Rejoice that Jesus has torn down the wall that separated you from your Father in heaven and Jesus tears down the walls that separate you from others. Give thanks to God for the many children we served this past week at Vacation Bible School and pray that these seeds of faith would sprout and grow.

**MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK...** *Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.* Ephesians 3:20-21

**THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH...** are given to the glory of God as He has truly blessed Henry and Lois Wischmeier with 55 years of marriage.

**THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER...** is available in the gathering space and online.

**IN OUR PRAYERS...** Jim Hinds, Charlotte Williams, Dawn Deiwert, Mike Koester, Gloria Schultz, Jim Newton, Linda Arnholt, Francisco Rendon, Elizabeth Scheidt, Karl Forster, Rosemary Albright, Paul and Judy Ketner (Julia Bense's friends), Tim Isley (Haak's former neighbor), Ashley Pollert (Pollert's daughter-in-law), Bryan Heath (Kathy Hoover's brother), Harry Smith (Willie and Kathy Hoover's friend), Mark Stache (Pastor and Doreen's son), Deanna Followell (Steve and Jan Voelz's friend), Emmie Brooks (Emily Vogel's classmate), Chris Hiatt (Jennifer Dettmer's brother), Teresa Palmer (Doris Grayson's granddaughter), Mark Moore (Doris Grayson's son-in-law), Julie Phillips (Bonnie Nolting's sister), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), and the family of Allen and Rachelle Hinkle (kindergartner parents).

**WE REJOICE...** with Wil and Kathy Harner who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary **this Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**. Their family invites our church family to celebrate this milestone with them with an open house on **Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>** from 2-4 PM in the church fellowship room.

**FAREWELL AND GODSPEED...** to Miss Rebecca Helmer as she moves this week to Omaha, Nebraska, to begin serving at Concordia Jr./Sr. High School. We thank her for your faithful service at Trinity Lutheran High School and pray for God's richest blessings in her new calling.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BIBLE STUDY CHANGES...** **Today** we will resume our pre-COVID fellowship hour and Bible study practices. The donut tables will return and serving will be buffet style during fellowship hour. Bible study will meet in the fellowship room. Thanks for your patience and understanding this past year though all these changes in practices and procedures.

**70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION...** The family of Wilbur and Bonnie England invite you to the celebration of their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary **this Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>** at the Holton Town Hall, 7044 West Versailles Street in Holton. Festivities begin at 1 PM. A meal will be served. No gifts, please. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Keith England at 812-621-7944.

**ECM PARENT MEETING...** is **Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM in the church. If you are an ECM parent but cannot attend, please contact Director Jen Probst.

**JEN PROBST INSTALLATION AND ECM STAFF DEDICATION...** Jen Probst will be installed as Director of our Early Childhood Ministry and our staff dedicated at the 8 AM service on **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please pray for our early childhood ministry, those who serve, and the children and families who are served.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES...** resume on **August 4<sup>th</sup>**. The morning class meets at 9 AM and will begin a study of John. The evening class meets at 6 PM and will continue their study of Luke. Please consider joining either class as we study God's Word and enjoy Christian fellowship.

**FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN...** is **Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**. School begins at 8:15 AM with a chapel service at 8:30 AM in the sanctuary.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT...** is **Friday, August 6-Saturday, August 7** at Camp Lakeview for all seventh and eighth grade confirmands. If you are unable to attend, please contact DCE LaBelle.

**RALLY DAY...** is **August 8<sup>th</sup>**. Festivities begin at 9:30 AM with our Faith Milestones Presentation. Our Christian education theme for the 2021-2022 year is *One Lord, One Faith, One Family*. Make the commitment to join together with your faith family to study and grow in God's Word in Sunday School.

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM...** will meet **Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>** at noon to discuss and plan servant events for the year. Lunch is provided.

**2021-2022 SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS...** Sunday School teachers and nursery volunteers are needed to serve beginning on **Rally Day, Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**. Volunteers rotate weeks or months, depending on your schedule. Please speak with DCE LaBelle or a member of the Board of Education if you are interested or have any questions!

**MUSICIANS NEEDED...** The adult choirs will resume rehearsals on **Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**. Sr. Handbells practice at 6 PM and the Sr. Choir at 7 PM.

The Jr. Choir, Sunday School kids in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade, will resume practice at 9:30 AM on **Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**. The following youth choirs will begin practice on **Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**:

- Jr. Handchimes (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) 12:45-1:15 PM
- Choristers (3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) 1:15-1:45 PM
- Jr. Handbells (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) 1:45-2:15 PM

For more information, please contact Dan Mau at [kantor@stpaulcolumbus.org](mailto:kantor@stpaulcolumbus.org).

**ST. PAUL ECM REGISTRATION...** Classes for the Lambs (three year olds) are full and a waiting list has been started but openings remain in our Doves (four year olds) and Kindergarten classes. Brochures are available in the gathering space and online.

**LANDSCAPING PROJECT...** The landscaping project is complete and looks beautiful! Thanks to all who have donated. To fully fund the project \$4,741 is needed. Your support to help us reach this goal is truly appreciated.

**DIVINE SERVICE EXPLANATION...** A member has donated *The Divine Service—An Explanation* which have been placed in the pew racks. Please consider reading the pamphlet to better understand the Divine Service, the Scriptural basis for the service, and application for your daily life.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR SIGNUP...** The fellowship hour signup sheet is posted in the gathering space. Please consider signing up to serve in this way.

**OUR CALLING AS CITIZENS...** In response to the July 4<sup>th</sup> sermon, some have requested more information about our calling as Christian citizens and how to be more involved and engaged as citizens. Our synod sponsors the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty in Washington, DC. Their website, [lcrifreedom.org](http://lcrifreedom.org), contains many resources that educate on our calling as citizens and how you can be more engaged as a citizen.

**HELPING HANDS...** We seek to serve those in financial need in our church family and in our community. If you need assistance with medical or utility expenses, please contact Pastor Bauman. We also maintain the food pantry to provide frozen food and non-perishable food items for those in need. If you or someone you know would benefit from our food pantry, please contact a member of the church staff. If you would like to donate to our food pantry, non-perishable donations can be placed in the box in the gathering space and frozen food can be placed in the freezer in the kitchen.

**THANK YOU...** to DCE LaBelle, Katie Arnholt, and all the volunteers that helped last week with Vacation Bible School.

**January-July 11, 2021 Offering Report:**

Offerings Needed:	\$377,524
Offerings Received:	<u>\$366,729</u>
Difference:	(\$10,795)

**January-June, 2021 Financial Report:**

Total Income:	\$408,457
Total Expenses:	<u>\$388,963</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<b>\$ 19,494</b>

In June, we fell behind our weekly goal for offerings needed. However, net income is almost \$20,000 for the first six months as we have underspent the budget in almost every ministry area.

The first week of August we will be making our tuition scholarship payments to area Lutheran schools for the fall semester which is more than a \$40,000 budgeted expense.

We thank you for your faithful support of our mission and ministry. If you have any questions about our church finances, please contact Treasurer Mary Ann Nunn or a member of our Board of Stewardship: Carolyn Wilkerson, Rob Baltus, or Adam Scheidt.

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

### **Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance: **303**; Communion: **237**

Offering: **\$10,390**

Needed Weekly: \$13,483

Additional Gifts: \$160 Landscaping Project; \$25 Myron Glick Memorial

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

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