



Strains, Pains, Eternal Gains

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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 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.

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

**Wednesday Bible classes resume on August 4th
Rally Day is August 8th**

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau
8 AM Acolyte: Emily Walker
10:45 AM Acolyte: Khloe Blackwell

Church Calendar

Saturday 7/24-Saturday 7/31	DCE LaBelle on vacation
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
Thursday	6:30 PM ECM Parent Meeting
Friday	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	2:30 PM Rachford-Baltus Wedding
Next Sunday	Mite Box Sunday 7:30 AM Usher Training 8:00 AM Divine Service and Installation of ECM Staff 9:10 AM Fellowship Julia Bense Recognition 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Usher Training 10:45 AM Divine Service English and Spanish 10:45 AM Board of Education Noon Spanish Convivio 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour on WYGS

IN OUR PRAYERS... Mike Koester, Jim Hinds, Charlotte Williams, Dawn Deiwert, Gloria Schultz, Jim Newton, Linda Arnholt, Francisco Rendon, Elizabeth Scheidt, Karl Forster, Rosemary Albright, Trey Sanders (Karen Hendershot's son), Bob Tyler (Hinds' brother-in-law), 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), and Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend).

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

THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH... are given in gratefulness, praise, and glory to the Lord for His many blessings throughout 46 years of marriage by Steve and Jan Voelz.

THE RADIO MINISTRY... is sponsored in memory of Nathan Scheidt, father of Colin and Tim Scheidt and Natalie Pollert.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and in all.* Ephesians 4:4-6 (2021-2022 Theme Verse)

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

CHANGES NEXT SUNDAY... The following changes will be implemented in worship **next Sunday, August 1st**:

- Ushers will begin serving and the offering will be passed during the service.
- The record of fellowship will be returned to the pews.
- Only the front pews on the outside south section will be distanced seating.
- The entire congregation will commune at the altar rail.

Thanks for your patience and understanding through all the changes in practices and procedures this past year.

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 1st**. Please pray for our early childhood ministry, those who serve, and the children and families who are served.

JULIA BENSE RECOGNITION... Julia Bense has served as church secretary since 2005. In addition, she also assisted in our extended care program. Although she retired last fall, because of COVID, we did not have the opportunity to recognize and thank her for her faithful service. **Next Sunday, August 1st**, the elders invite you to attend fellowship hour and a brief presentation at the beginning of Sunday School where we will recognize and thank Julia for her service among us.

USHER TRAINING... **Next Sunday, August 1st**, we will offer two identical usher training sessions at 7:30 AM and 10:15 AM.

SERMON SERIES BEGINS NEXT WEEK... During August, we will focus on Ephesians chapters 4-6 using as our theme *One Lord, One Faith, One Family*, which is our Christian Education theme for the 2021-2022 school year. Please plan

to attend as we learn together and rejoice that we are one in Christ!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES... resume on **August 4th**. 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 5th**. 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 8th**. 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... meets **Sunday, August 8th** at noon. We will plan activities, review past events, and incorporate service. Meetings are once a month from noon-1 PM with lunch provided. If you have questions, please reach out to Cheryl LaBelle. If you're interested in checking out the team—just show up!

2021-2022 SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS... Sunday School teachers and nursery volunteers are needed to serve beginning on **Rally Day, Sunday, August 8th**. 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 resume rehearsals on **Wednesday, August 11th**. Sr. Handbells practice at 6 PM and Sr. Choir at 7 PM.

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

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

For more information, please contact Dan Mau at kantor@stpaulcolumbus.org.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES... Catechism study at 9:30 AM with DCE LaBelle begins on **Rally Day, August 8th**. Catechism study at 12:15 PM with Pastor Bauman begins **Sunday, August 15th**. *Please note: For those who are not attending the confirmation retreat, August 8th is a make-up class to cover the missed material from that weekend. The class will meet from 12:15 to 3 PM. Lunch will be provided.*

ALL YOUTH COOKOUT... All Youth are invited to an evening of fun at DCE LaBelle's home on **Sunday, August 15th** from 4-7 PM. Come and participate in some slip 'n slide kickball, devotion, followed by a cookout. Please wear clothes that can get wet and bring a towel and change of clothes. Cheryl's address: 5880 N. State Hwy 3, North Vernon. Please contact Cheryl with any questions..

SUMMER SUMMARY... We give thanks to God for His many blessings during this summer:

Neighborhood Information Distribution: Members distributed 1,000 door hangers. This included all our established routes, plus many members took door hangers and distributed them in other neighborhoods or passed them out to family and friends.

County Fair: Proceeds from our Youth Walking Taco Barn totaled **\$7,977**. Many families took information about our church, early childhood ministry, and Vacation Bible School from the display at the taco barn.

Vacation Bible School: We were blessed to serve 107 children at Vacation Bible School this year. 82 of these children were nonmembers.

Improvements: New landscaping was installed and the parking lot resealed. Parking lot resealing was covered entirely by special gifts and members have given generously to cover most of the costs for the new landscaping.

Thanks to everyone who served this summer. Pray that God would bless the seeds that were sown, drawing many closer

to Him in saving faith.

DONUTS, MILK, AND JUICE... There are many Sundays available to serve during the fellowship hour in the coming months. If you are unable to serve, but are willing to provide the donuts, milk, and juice OR if you would like to serve only, with donuts and drinks provided, please let us know! We will be happy to make arrangements for however you are willing to serve. Please sign up in the gathering space or contact Wilma Yeley through the end of August at 812-343-6920. Thank you!

LANDSCAPING PROJECT... The landscaping project is complete and looks beautiful! Thanks to all who have donated. To fully fund the project \$4,641 is needed. Your support to help us reach this goal is truly appreciated.

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.

January-July 18, 2021 Offering Report:

Offerings Needed:	\$391,007
Offerings Received:	<u>\$376,486</u>
Difference:	(\$14,521)

The Response of God's People

Sunday, July 18th

Attendance: **310**; Communion: **255**

Offering: **\$9,757** Needed Weekly: \$13,483

Additional Gifts: \$500 VBS and Preschool; \$100 Landscaping

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