



St Paul Lutheran

VALLEY CITY, OHIO

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Praying Amidst the Noise of Life

We live in a noisy age. Our ears are cluttered with the cacophony of everything happening all around us. Scarce are moments of true silence and serenity. Even when our ears are quiet there comes the internal noise of worry and anxiousness left as echoes of the world we are trying to rest from. It seems everything is trying to alert us: our cars, phones, appliances, and all manner of ideologies. The voices of every worldview try and raise the alarm of what might happen if things don't go the way of their ideals. They find their voice in both obvious and subtle ways all around us: endorsements from familiar faces, news reports interpreted one way or another, advertisements making promises, entertainment making normal what was once unthinkable. All this noise threatens (or promises) to distract us from where we would find true peace and serenity: in Christ Jesus and His gifts.

My encouragement in the midst of all this noise—especially here at the height of the presidential election cycle—is to insulate your heart, emotions, mind, and thoughts with the good and holy things of God and His gifts. The bombardment from the world will never end; it will always try to drown out the things of God. But fortify your mind and heart with hearing the Word of God, praying together, and joining in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, making melody to the Lord with your heart (Eph. 5:19). Gladly hearing and learning God's Word, not neglecting preaching and His Word, joining in prayer and study, will prepare you to confront the clamor of worldly things that will press in against you. This is putting on the full armor of God as you prepare to do battle with our enemies of the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature.

The news media remains one of the loudest voices in our culture. In addition to print and broadcast, social media has added another source for the anxiety inducing noise and conflict. These voices want to stir up much distress and conflict because those are the seeds of today's cash crop of "engagement." Resist being sucked into it. If you find yourself anxious, despairing, angry, or raging after consuming such media, then step back and take refuge in God's Word.

Here is a helpful prayer from Rev. Dr. Martin Franzmann, a beloved LCMS hymn writer (Thy Strong Word), poet, and pastor. Called, "A Prayer While Reading the News," it certainly applies to us today as we consume news in all its various forms. Let this prayer give voice to the good desire of faith to be compassionate, full of charity, trusting in God's kingdom, and confident that this shaking world will not satisfy us nor endure but God's Word and Kingdom remain forever.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Zielinski

A Prayer While Reading the News

By Martin Franzmann

O God Almighty,
I thank you for this net that sweeps all waters
and brings me news of all the daily life
of all my neighbors
everywhere in the world.
Make me compassionate,
O God of all mercies,
with all my neighbors' sufferings.
Teach me to know and feel
that distant anguish is
as aching as my own.
Teach me to pray,
"Thy kingdom come!"
as widely as Your Son
has willed it and meant it.
Teach me to do
what I can and must do for all men.
Teach me long-reaching charity.
Give me faith to know,
when news is black as ink,
that Your hand is guiding all,
obscurely and unfathomably
but surely, surely toward Your goal;
that when the world shakes
and Satan triumphs with short certainty,
Your son, Jesus Christ, is Lord of all,
That He, the Lamb slain for our sins,
is opening the seals of Your book
and is working out Your good and holy will.

Remember in Your mercy
the gatherers and disseminators of the news.
Protect them from all harm.
Keep them from cynical and cheap success,
from a single taste for disaster,
from unconsidered or deliberate distortion
of the sad and wondrous face of man.

Amen.

FROM THE PASTORAL ASSISTANT'S DESK

As the seasons get ready to turn toward fall and we begin getting ready for the holiday season ahead, I want an opportunity to say thank you to my family at St. Paul.

You may or may not realize this, but to me, you are family. You are my brothers and sisters in Christ. In biblical terms, the people in the pews around us are our family. Like the members of our biological family, we haven't chosen them for ourselves, but they have been chosen for us, and we are therefore inseparably bound to them. Because we belong to Christ, we belong to his family. And being part of the family at St. Paul means that we share life together.

What do I mean by that exactly? I mean that we live life together. Some of us are friends with deep bonds and relationships which have been carried out daily over the course of decades. Some of us have seen our children grow up to marry each other, becoming actual families. Some of us visit one another during their time of need, or perhaps they make cards for those folks, and pray for them as well. We support one another through good times and through difficult situations, even grieving with one another.

None of this is lost on me, especially given the love and support you have shown to me and my family in the few short years I have been at St. Paul. I remember my first visit, being greeted by Sam and nervously informing him of my "situation," only to be welcomed in with open arms... and a few very inquisitive persons. Over the next few months I would undergo adult confirmation with Vauna, have Judah baptized, and see Morgan pursue the Rite of Confirmation as well. More than two years have passed since my initial visit and not only have your extended to me employment as the Pastoral Assistant you have supported my attending the Synod's SMP program, to which I was recently installed as Vicar. And for that, I am very grateful.

As I continue to move forward along in my studies, I will do my absolute best to serve you to my fullest ability. I will undoubtedly stumble and fail along the way, because I am human... and when I do, I would ask that you permit me the same grace that our Lord and Savior provides to each of us. And please continue to pray for both myself and Pastor Zielinski as we serve St. Paul and lead our families. It is a challenging time to be a Christian in this nation, and even more so to be a member of the Clergy. It's probably even more stressful for Pastor Zielinski because he's got to deal with me too... LOL. Seriously though, Pastor Huelsman has become somewhat of a spiritual father to me in the faith. Pastor Zielinski like a big brother... even more than that, a mentor and a friend. I am just as fortunate to have their guidance and leadership as I am to have your prayers and support. So again, my brothers and sisters... my family... thank you.

So, as the holiday season approaches, let us give thanks for the many blessings that God has given to each of us. First, however, let us give thanks for the gift of His only begotten son, Jesus Christ, who was crucified on our behalf, and through whose death, burial, resurrection and ascension, we are forgiven of our sins, united to Christ through our baptism, and rightfully called Children of God. Second, for our brothers and sisters in Christ who share in this temporal journey alongside us. Third, for this wonderfully unique parish we call St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Valley City, OH where we gather to worship and serve together as a family.

I'm looking forward to being part of this family for many years to come.

Respectfully in Christ Jesus,
Rev. Streeper, Vicar

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 118:29

Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27th, 7:00 PM



REGULAR SCHEDULE IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Join us Sunday Mornings in September through May:

Worship 8:00 AM

Coffee Fellowship 9:00 AM

Sunday School 9:15 AM

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30AM

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

As the time for Worship Service approaches those around you may be preparing for Worship through silent prayer. Please be courteous to them by being mindful of the volume of your conversations. Thank you and may the Lord bless your worship of Him.

The Divine Service – A Guide

Lutheran Witness has a new guide out. Several copies can be reviewed in the Fellowship Hall and it's available to you free for download at:

<https://witness.lcms.org/2024/the-divine-service-a-guide-booklet/>

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” Luke 2:14

Saturday, November 30th, 9:00 – Noon



SUNDAY SCHOOL

On November 17th, instead of classes, all Sunday School students are invited to movie time allowing the teachers to attend the voters meeting. The movie will begin at 9:15 in the basement! Pictures to color and popcorn will be served.

The **Christmas program** for the Sunday School students will be December 8th second service. Songs for this program are being taught Sunday morning at 9:15 -9:30 am in the sanctuary. The teachers will give a copy of the songs to their students so they can be practiced at home.

Sunday School schedule for December:

Sunday School Christmas program dress rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th at 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Movie time showing "The Star" will be shown December 15 and 22

No SS December 29

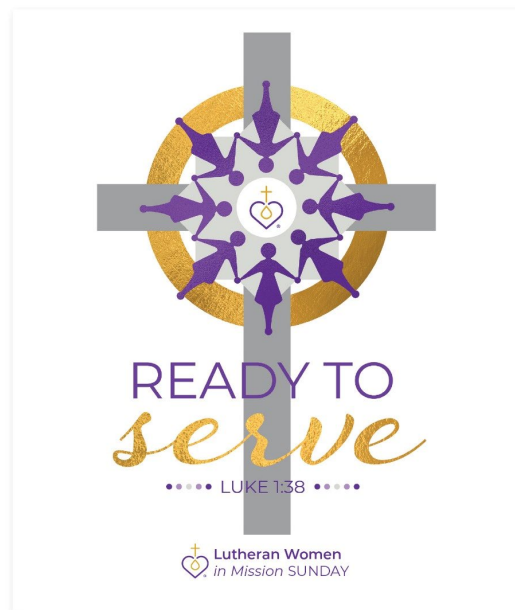
Resuming classes on January 5th

Lutheran Church Extension Fund



> where investments build ministry

Are you ready to Grow with LCEF? Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) has served as the financial extension of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) since 1978, offering funding and resources in support of the church. Our investors make it possible for us to provide customized loans and support services to new and growing ministries as well as loans for Rostered Church Workers who dedicate their lives to sharing the Gospel. LCEF offers a variety of investment opportunities, including Term Notes, Liquid Accounts (StewardAccount), Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA), Health Savings Accounts (HSA). Contact Lisa Hall, the LCEF Ohio District Representative at lisa.hall@lcef.org / 216-570-7077 or visit lcef.org to learn more.



News from the LWML:

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the 100 hygiene kits. We made our goal!! They will be put to good use with the devastating hurricanes down South.

The LWML ladies tea had a nice attendance. Thanks to all the ladies who made the event happen. And a very special thanks to all attendees for making the day special.

We will again participate in the Oaks Family Center Christmas collection. Watch the weekly bulletin for updates for the ornament tree to purchase the specific item for the families we will be helping to have wonderful Christmas. Collecting will be until the first Sunday in December.

The Christmas tea will be December 1 at 2 pm. We will have special entertainment for our program, along with your favorite Christmas songs. Please plan on attending.

2026 Ohio District LWML Convention

Yes Ladies, 2026 convention will be at St. Paul, Westlake, Ohio. This convention is literally in our back door. BUT they need volunteers, from ushers to greeters to decorators. Please see Ethel Schiemann if you would be willing to help and get your name on this exciting list of volunteers. Joyful Always!

Host Committee



Christmas in the Valley hosted by the Valley City Community Group gets bigger each year! The same is true here at St. Paul for our part in Christmas in the Valley. It is an opportunity to be part of the community and an evangelistic outreach to the community. Kevin Harris is our point person for the event here and the man behind the train displays. He is involving more families this year in the expansion and design of the vignettes associated with the train displays. For more information, you can see Kevin. He's also looking for additional ideas. The Evangelism Board will have a meeting Thursday, November 7th at 6pm that will focus on our preparations for Christmas in the Valley. To see how you might be able to help with the train displays or as host on Sunday, December 8th, please attend our meeting.

Child of God

Our Child of God program will conclude at the end of October. This first year program was a success and included a meet and greet pizza gathering, handmade gifts from the students for their mentors, a game on getting to know your mentor/student, conversion, letters, cards, various outings, attending sport events, phone calls, and prayer throughout the year. These relationships formed were of great value to our 3rd grade students, their families and mentors as the Word of God was shared. A big thank you to the following:

Branco and Charlie Djordjevic who mentored William Franz

Rich and Jenny Proeschel who mentored Zendaya Beck

Tim and Jean Wadle who mentored Charlie Gordon

Jim and Gail Jackson who mentored Izzy Spry

The next Child of God program will begin in February, 2025 and run through October, 2025. If you are interested in being a mentor for the next class of 3rd graders, please see Beth Bremke, or sign up at the welcome center.

= November 2024 =

	SERVICE	November 3 SUNDAY All Saints Day Communion	November 10 SUNDAY Communion	November 17 SUNDAY Communion	November 24 SUNDAY Communion	November 27 Wednesday Thanksgiving Eve 7PM Communion
ELDER	8am	Steve Kato	Chris Duran	Tim Wadle	Chris Duran	Steve Kato
	10:30am	Dave Hesketh	Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic	Jim Jackson	Jim Jackson
USHERS	8am	Mark Gordon	Mike Scabel	Jay Moser	Mark Gordon	Elders to find volunteers
	10:30am	Eric Gottl	Rich Proeschel	Brian Dearth	Eric Gottl	
GREETERS	8am	David & Mackenzie Duran	Dean & Beth Bremke	Steve & Colleen Kato	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	
	10:30am	Rich & Jenny Proeschel	Barb Pijor	Joe Bennett	Barb Pijor	
ELDER INFO	Stephen Kato 330-242-7183	Tim Wadle 216-214-7109	Jim Jackson 330-391-6393	Chris Duran 216-577-5164	Sam Jakabcic 216-789-1076	Dave Hesketh 330-410-6150

HOUSEKEEPING AND RECYCLING

We are blessed with wonderful facilities and spaces here at St. Paul. Please remember to be good stewards and keep things as neat and tidy - as you found them (or better); turn off the lights before leaving; clean up any mess as well as you can (or find help); and remember to take all your items home with you after church.

Please place any garbage in an appropriate garbage can. If you are responsible to lock up when leaving, pause to check the lights are out and doors are closed inside, set the alarm, and check the exterior door is locked. With everyone's help, we can keep everything clean, secure, and ready for the next service or event. ***Thank you!***

You are encouraged to take your worship bulletins home with you to use the scriptures, hymns and prayers for your own devotions and to be able to refer to the updated schedule and announcements. This includes both regular and large print bulletins. If you would like, you may drop regular and large print bulletins in the blue recycle bin in the Narthex hallway upon exiting the service. While we do recycle the black combs, it is unnecessary to disable the large print bulletin before taking it home. Old large print bulletins may be returned any time for recycling. The recycle bin is only for bulletin materials – please, no garbage. ***Thank you!***

LUTHERAN
SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING
ORGANIZATION
OF OHIO

August 5, 2024

St. Paul Lutheran
1377 Lester Rd.
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Pastor,

The Time Is Now! As you may know, legislation has allowed for forming Scholarship Granting Organizations here in Ohio. The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio (LSGO of Ohio/LSGOO) is a certified 501(c)(3) based out of Rocky River, Ohio. Our mission is to raise scholarship dollars for students to attend Lutheran high schools, elementary schools, preschools, and early childhood centers throughout our great state. Currently, we have thirty-four member schools, consisting of two high schools and thirty-two elementary schools.

A Call To Action! This change in legislation has opened a pathway for Lutheran Ohioans to support Lutheran education like never before. For Ohio residents, donors to the LSGO of Ohio can be eligible to receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit against their Ohio income tax liability of **\$750 per year for individuals** and **\$1500 for married couples filing jointly**. Utilization of this credit returns a significant tax benefit to the donor while helping provide necessary funds to Lutheran educators to carry out our ministry.

Faith In Motion! Scholarship awards will be prioritized, but not limited to, low-income students whose household income is under 300% of the poverty threshold. ***The Lutheran Community*** has long served students who fall under this threshold. With your support and the support of your congregation, funds from the LSGO of Ohio will allow for the expansion of programming, facility updates, increased ministry offerings, and the hiring of additional qualified staff. ***In our first two years of operation, we have distributed \$351,836 in scholarship awards impacting hundreds of students. Praise God!***

Next Steps! We typically hear three main concerns: the program sounds too good to be true, donations to our program will offset current contributions, and a general fear that the church will be saddled with a program fee. To address the latter, there is no cost for your church to join. To defray the costs of operating, all transactions incur a small bank processing fee. Further, this program is centered solely on the donor's tax liability – a financial obligation they would be responsible for anyway- and has no impact on their annual giving. Lastly, the program sounds "too good to be true". I understand this because I felt the same way at first. As a personal contributor, I am one of **over 1350 individuals** who have made a generous gift. For additional information regarding the program mechanics please visit our website www.lsgoohio.org or contact me directly at jmalave@clhsa.org.

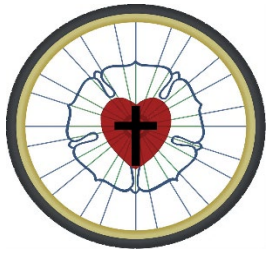
I look forward to our shared partnership in this ministry.

Sincerely,



Joshua Malave '08, Executive Director
Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio

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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CYCLING FRIENDS

Did you read Pastor Zielinski's message above? Part of what we try to do with the cycling friends group is take a moment to get away from the noise and enjoy the simple pleasure of riding a bike out in God's gift of nature with friends. We don't race. We don't let anyone get lost. We ride together at a reasonable pace during which we can enjoy conversation. We stop in the middle of the ride for pictures, a snack, or water breaks when we feel like it. Sometimes we have an option to enjoy a meal together. Our rides are on trails and you have the option to shorten them. Often when we're on the trail, the noise fades away.

For more information, see the schedule on the Room 1 wall in the Fellowship Hall, contact Walter Dill Jr. at 330-304-6153, or join our private Facebook Group for the most up to date and more detailed ride information: facebook.com/groups/lutherancyclingfriends

Tuesday, October 29	10:00am	Kokosing Gap Trail Excursion	27 miles	Out and back from the KGT Trailhead in Danville near our Don Leo's Market picnic lunch pickup.
Saturday, November 2	4:00pm	Towpath Trail in the CVNP	19 miles	Out and back from the Lock 29 Auxilliary Parking Lot in Peninsula by Winking Lizard
Saturday, November 16	Noon	Towpath Trail in the Cleveland Metroparks	15 miles	Out and back from Bacci Park in Cuyahoga Hts. on Canal Rd to the A Christmas Story house and the scenic view Towpath Mounds.

(All rides are weather dependent; over 50 degrees and no rain.)

CHURCH ONLINE at SPVC.org

Online services are available to view LIVE at 8:00 AM on Sundays, or on-demand shortly afterwards. Visit www.spvc.org for the most recent service (when active). There is a viewer for the livestream on the homepage. Bulletins are available via the link. Select the bulletin for the date of service you are watching. Livestreams will typically be at normal service times. Bible Studies are also livestreamed and available on demand.

PRAYER CHAIN on FLOCKNOTE

If you have a Prayer Request, Praise or Update please visit our website, spvc.org. There you can sign up to be part of the Prayer Chain and pray for the concerns fellow members have sent in. You may also submit a prayer request of your own from that page.

To submit a prayer request or update directly from your email, please send your email to: prayer@spvc.org

You may also contact our Parish Administrator Walter Dill by email using walter.dill@spvc.org or secretary@spvc.org or you may call the church office at 330-483-3883.

HEALTH & SAFETY

A black First Aid bag is hung in the vestibule containing emergency supplies. Some of the contents include bandages, instant glucose, breathing barriers, and blood pressure equipment.

FIRST AID BOXES

If you are injured at church, you will find Band-Aids, antibiotic ointments, eye wash, and various wound / burn dressings in these boxes.

Locations: Upstairs Kitchen & Copy Work Room



audiofetch

Scan to
Download
the app.



LISTEN TO THE SERVICE USING YOUR PHONE OR TABLET

Use your Android™ or Apple® device to listen to the audio

01

Install the
“Audiofetch” app on
your device.



02

At church, go to
your wifi settings
and connect to
wifi named
“Audiofetch”.
Allow it to find devices



03

Connect your phone
to your hearing aids
or listening device.
Open the app and
adjust the volume
to your preference.



See Rev. Streeper for assistance getting connected.
Having trouble? Having the model number for your hearing aids
and phone/tablet will help.
Make sure you know your passwords to install apps.

TRUSTEE WORKBENCH

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please
contact:

Adam Criswell at: adamcriswell007@gmail.com

BABY BOTTLE MINISTRY

We will continue the Baby Bottle Project is for the Oaks Family Care Center in Brunswick, OH. We thank you for what you have already turned in. At present, there is no "return by" date, so, you may return your filled bottles whenever you are able to bring them to church. Your participation in this project is greatly appreciated.

PULL TAB MINISTRY

YES! we are collecting tabs all year round. Thanks to you these will benefit families at Ronald McDonald House. You may drop off your tabs in the bin that is located on the shelf next to Pastor's Office. For questions, contact Len Maver at: 440-781-9009

USED EYEGLASS MINISTRY

We have restarted the gently used Eyeglass Ministry. Cassie Bremke will be taking donations of the gently used eyeglasses to the local Lions Club. If you have any donations, please place it on the bookshelf located next to Pastor's Office. Thank you.

WIGGLE BAGS

Please help yourself to these goody bags that hold activities that kids may engage and participate in worship service. Hopefully this will help alleviate stress for parents who are worried about their child making it through the whole service, but more importantly, they help teach kids that "big church" is for them too. Please take a moment to collect all the contents of the Wiggle Bags and return it to the "Used Wiggle Bag" plastic bin after the Worship Service. We are grateful to Sandy Turner and Jean Wadle who are keeping up providing clean Wiggle Bags each week. Your donated supplies may be given directly to Sandy Turner or the church office. Thank you.

HOME VISITS

Book your visit with Pastor Zielinski, or, visit: www.spvc.org and click "Book with Pastor Zielinski" to see available times, or by contacting the Parish Administrator, Walter Dill at 330-483-3883.

VALLEY CITY FOOD PANTRY

If you or someone you know needs food assistance, please contact LifeSpring Food Pantry at 330.328.3091. The monthly drive through food pantry is the third Saturday of the month from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at 1638 Lester Road, Valley City, OH. www.valleycity.org

ST. PAUL PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Walter Dill
walter.dill@spvc.org
330-483-3883

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9:30am - 1:30pm

Tuesday: Off

Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
(10am-11:30am for Bible Study)

Thursday: 9:30am - 1:30pm

Friday: Off

FELLOWSHIP HALL USAGE & RENTAL

To schedule your event please contact Walter Dill, our Parish Administrator at 330.483.3883 or, email at: walter.dill@spvc.org

Once your event is approved, a Fellowship Hall Rental Form will be placed in your church mailbox or emailed to you. Please complete it and return the form along with your fee remittance to the church office. Thank you.

COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor is providing individual communion opportunities.

1. Check the posted times for “walk-in” communion below.
2. Scheduling an appointment with Pastor at church or in your home.

“Walk-In” times at Church:

- Sundays, 12 – 2:00 PM
- Tuesdays, 5 – 7:00 PM

Scheduling an appointment for communion at church or in your home:

To schedule a time other than the walk-in times:

- Call Pastor 440-458-0189
- Visit www.spvc.org and click “Book with Pastor” to see available times for appointments.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

As our Lord provides for us and we return to Him a portion of His generosity. You have several ways to continue contributing:

1. In-person Worship on Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
2. Mail your contributions to the church.
3. Talk to your bank about “bill-pay” options. They can likely send a check directly to the church on a scheduled basis.
4. Visit www.spvc.org and click on “Give Online” - you’ll be taken to our secure online giving site where you can make a one-time or on-going contribution.

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7 (ESV)*

ST. PAUL HELPING HANDS

“SMALL TASK MINISTRY”

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A HELPING HAND?

Use this list to see who is available on the day of the week you need and reach out to them to set things up.

BEREA

Tammy Rhodes

Cell: 440-476-0684

Email: tarhodes1982@hotmail.com

Available: Saturday & Sunday all day, Monday through Friday after 6pm

BRUNSWICK

Dave & Carol Hesketh

Cell: 330-410-6150

Available: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Paula Pietch

Cell: 440-897-4847

Email: grasshopper48@gmail.com

Available: Tuesday, Friday, Saturday

Tim Wadle

Cell: 216-214-7109

Email: twads47@yahoo.com

Available: Any

LAGRANGE

Branko Djordjevic

Cell: 440-655-3749

Available: Any

Charlie Djordjevic

Cell: 440-655-3729

Available: Any

LITCHFIELD

Sandy Turner

Cell: 330-592-9405

Email: siturn71@gmail.com

Available: Any

2024 ST. PAUL OFFICERS & KEY PEOPLE

Updated 9-2024

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Art Heyse.....440.816.9944
Diane Peters (copying).....440.452.5105
Judy Scaife.....330.723.7756

LWML

President.....Rotating
Recording Secretary.....Diane Johnson
Treasurer.....Len Maver
Chaplin.....Kathy Fargo
Corresponding Secretary.....Margit Gery

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir.....Audrey Harris & Sarah Moser
Handbells: Nicole Spry.....330.391.1753
Organists:
Hannah Criswell.....419.388.3135
Audrey Harris.....815.762.2442
Marlene Shook.....330.483.4830

BOARD OF ELDERS

Steve Kato (Head).....330.242.7183
Chris Duran.....216.577.5164
Dave Hesketh.....330.410.6150
Jim Jackson.....330.391.6393
Sam Jakabcic.....216.789.1076
Tim Wadle.....216.214.7109

ALTAR GUILD

Dianne Holland (scheduler).....330.410.8428
James & Jeanette Rafter.....440.926.1007
Susan Willkom.....330.723.7137
Carole Zwingelburg.....330.725.1054

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent.....Beth Bremke
Preschool.....Gail Jackson
Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade.....Len Maver
3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th Grade.....Beth Bremke
7th & 8th Grade.....Rev. Streeper
High School.....David Spry
Adult Study.....Pastor Zielinski
Music.....Audrey Harris, Sarah Moser

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Adam Criswell (Head).....216.399.1390
Kyle Bremke.....440.309.0227
Jason Ehrman.....330.421.6759

BABY BOTTLE MINISTRY (Oaks Family Care Center)
Walter Dill.....330.483.3883

BAPTISMAL BANNERS Tammy Rhodes....440.476.0684

CARD MINISTRY...Joyce Ellenberger & Carol Hesketh

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (Sunday School, VBS)
Beth Bremke.....440.669.3180

CUSTODIAN Liz (Rob) Zacharias.....330.461.0840

EVANGELISM Walter Dill 330.304.6153
Rev. Streeper.....330.441.0502

FELLOWSHIP HALL RENTAL Walter Dill.....330.483.3883

FUNERAL MEALS Sandy Turner.....330.592.9405

PRAYER CHAIN Flocknote/Emails.....Walter Dill

TRAIL LIFE USA Rev. Streeper.....330.441.0502

SECURITY SYSTEM: (Safe Harbor Security & Fire)
Dean Bremke.....216.316.0810

SEXTON Jason Ehrman.....330.421.6759

WELLNESS BOARD Beth Bremke.....440.669.3180

WIGGLE BAGS.....Sandy Turner & Jean Wadle

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Sarah Moser.....440.453.0180

YOUTH GROUP Rev. Streeper.....330.441.0502
Assistants: Chris & Sarah Duran.....216.577.5164

VOTERS MEETING

What follows below is the proposed budget for 2025 with information from the 2024 budget for comparison. The proposed budget will be discussed and voted upon Sunday, November 17th between the Worship Services at the Voters Meeting.

	<i>ANNUAL BUDGET <u>2025</u></i>	<i>ANNUAL BUDGET <u>2024</u></i>
<u>Pastor Wages & Taxes</u>		
Salary/Housing/Utilities	\$95,351	\$91,684
Car Allowance	\$7,000	\$7,000
Health Care / Retirement	\$37,515	\$37,192
<i>Subtotal Pastor</i>	<u>\$139,866</u>	<u>\$135,876</u>
<u>Other Wages & Taxes</u>		
Parish Administrator	\$17,700	\$17,700
Organists	\$9,800	\$9,300
Custodian	\$8,382	\$8,060
Assistant Treasurer	\$7,000	\$7,000
Social Security, Medicare	\$6,340	\$6,278
Guest Pastors	\$300	\$1,200
Mileage Reimbursements	\$250	\$1,250
Workers' Comp. & Group Fee	\$600	\$400
<i>Subtotal Other Wages/Taxes</i>	<u>\$50,372</u>	<u>\$51,188</u>
<u>Church, Office, Administration</u>		
Copier & Maintenance	\$5,000	\$6,000
Bank Charges - Sharefaith	\$1,420	\$0
Office & Church Supplies	\$6,080	\$8,500
Computer / Software / Toner	\$4,500	\$3,000
Postage	\$750	\$500
Conventions / Assessments	\$1,500	\$1,000
<i>Subtotal Office</i>	<u>\$19,250</u>	<u>\$19,000</u>

Board of Elders

Choir / Handbell Music	\$400	\$400
Communion Supplies	\$1,000	\$0
Choir Robes	\$0	\$100
Portals of Prayer	\$1,000	\$700
Easter / Christmas Decorations	\$300	\$300
Coffee / Donut Fellowship		
Hours	\$1,000	\$500
<i>Subtotal Elders</i>	<u>\$3,700</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>

Board of Evangelism

Altar Guild / Altar Flowers	\$300	\$300
Advertising / Promotions	\$550	\$400
<i>Subtotal Evangelism</i>	<u>\$850</u>	<u>\$700</u>

Board of Trustees

Insurance	\$8,054	\$7,100
Real Estate Taxes	\$1,750	\$1,700
Mortgage	\$36,000	\$36,000
Capital Improvement Fund	\$24,000	\$24,000
Lawn Care	\$2,600	\$2,500
Snow Plowing	\$850	\$1,000
Water / Sewer	\$2,150	\$1,900
Gas	\$7,000	\$6,000
Electric	\$6,000	\$5,300
Internet / Website	\$1,600	\$1,500
Telephone	\$2,600	\$2,300
Sound System	\$300	\$500
Fire Suppression	\$580	\$600
Trash Pick-Up	\$985	\$850
Organ / Piano Maintenance	\$500	\$500
IT	\$1,329	\$1,000
Security	\$750	\$750
Supplies	\$1,750	\$2,000
Maintenance / Repairs	\$3,500	\$3,500
<i>Subtotal Trustees</i>	<u>\$102,298</u>	<u>\$99,000</u>

Board of Christian Nurture

Sunday School Curriculum	\$1,850	\$1,500
Holiday Expenses	\$200	\$200
Youth Group	\$1,500	\$2,000
VBS	\$1,400	\$1,700
Picnic	\$750	\$500
Bible/Catechisms/Higher Items	\$700	\$1,000
<i>Subtotal Nurture</i>	<u>\$6,400</u>	<u>\$6,900</u>

Missions

District	\$2,000	\$2,000
Local / National / Intern'l		
Missions	\$0	\$5,000
SMP	\$40,000	\$40,000
SMP Scholarship	\$2,500	\$2,500
Seminary Student	\$0	\$0
Vicar Fund	\$0	\$0
Youth Scholarship	\$0	\$1,000
4 Kenya Kids	\$1,200	\$0
St. Paul Benevolence Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000
<i>Subtotal Missions</i>	<u>\$46,700</u>	<u>\$51,500</u>

Grand Totals

<u>\$369,436</u>	<u>\$366,164</u>
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2023 Givings (Sharefaith+Envelopes+Plate)

\$312,330

10%

2025 Missions Fund

\$31,233

Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Natalie Myers	2
3	4 Brian Dearth	5 Lawrence Krueger	6	7	8	9 Miles Heyse
10 Laurie Baker William Schnurr	11 Rikki Jesse	12 Diane Peters	13	14 Allysa Metzger	15 Ethel Schiemann	16 David Spry Ezmarelda Winterstein Valeria Zielinski
17 Luke Bremke Kathe Stumpf	18	19 Richard Olee Reagan Sherry	20 Art Jesse	21	22 Aaron Blaine Anita Praisler	23 Daniel Bode Maddie Yunker
24 Molly Ross	25 Edwin Haddad Nina Spry	26 Garrett Buvinghausen Margaret Weintz	27	28	29	30

Wedding Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Jonathan and Julia Blakely, 6	4	5	6 Jeff and Grace Bailey, 25	7 Bob and Ethel Schiemann, 54	8	9
10	11	12 Richard and Dottie Miller, 58	13 Thomas and Barbara Hadaway, 48	14	15	16
17	18 Kevin and Audrey Harris, 7	19	20 Donald and Deborah Gotsch, 52	21 Amy Savage and Anthony Savage, 4	22	23
24	25	26 Michael and Michelle Scahel, 30	27	28	29	30

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
Baptism Anniversaries

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Gail Jackson Rick Pflaum Paula Pietch Dave Scaife Betsy Wilson	2
3 Deborah Harrill	4 Hunter Huelsman Kyle Kirchenbauer	5 Devon Murawski	6 Billy Schnurr	7	8 Layla Zimmerman	9
10	11	12 Kathy Fargo	13 Samuel Eckert	14 Ryan Keller Tim Keller Jenny Knopf	15	16
17	18 Cheryl Dearth	19	20 Jerry Weigel	21 Noreen Fischer Edwin Haddad Jeffery Haddad Owen Hawke	22 Arthur Heyse	23 Arlene Klooz
24	25 Lauren Kukurza Barbara Pijor Christian Ruhrkraut	26	27 Thomas Keller	28	29	30

If you have updates to any of the information above or in any of these calendars, please send an email to our Parish Administrator, Walter Dill, at walter.dill@spvc.org because our records need updating! Thank you!

November Events Calendar

Worship and Bible Study are on Livestream
and also available on demand on Facebook, YouTube, and SPVC.org.

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					All Saints Day 1	2
3 All Saints Sunday 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 12-2pm Communion	4 6-7:30pm Youth Confirmation 6:30-8pm Youth Group	5 Election Day 10am LWML NO Walk-in Communion	6 10am Bible Study	7	8	9
10 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 12-2pm Communion	11 6-7:30pm Youth Confirmation 6:30-8pm Scouts	12 5-7pm Walk-in Communion 7pm Elders	13 10am Bible Study	14	15 6pm Men's Fellowship	16
17 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Voters Meeting No Bible Study 10:30am Worship 12-2pm Communion	18 6-7:30pm Youth Confirmation 6:30-8pm Youth Group	19 5-7pm Walk-in Communion 7pm Executive Board	20 10am Bible Study	21	22	23
24 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 12-2pm Communion	25 6-7:30pm Youth Confirmation 6:30-8pm Scouts	26 5-7pm Walk-in Communion	27 10am Bible Study	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30 9am-Noon Christmas Decorating