



St Paul Lutheran

VALLEY CITY, OHIO

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WINTER 2024

"HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED" WORSHIP FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

The season of Advent looks both back to Jesus birth and forward to His second coming. This year for our midweek Advent services, we will use the theme "His Name Shall be Called" and look at four names of Jesus, the Messiah as foretold by Isaiah.

Isaiah 9:6 (ESV) — ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

For your Advent worship, we have a number of resources available for you:

- Daily Advent Devotions
- A Children's book "The Names of Jesus"
- Weekly mid-week services on Wednesdays
 - 11:30am (with Bible Study at 10am)
 - 7:00pm (with a meal from 6-7pm)

Our first midweek Advent sermon is "Wonderful Counselor"—a title given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. We will learn how God rescues us from the cunning counsel of the devil and blesses us with the wonderful counsel of His Son whose Word of truth sets us free from sin and its damning deception (see John 8:31).

Our second midweek Advent service focuses on "Mighty God"—a title given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. We will learn from Scripture that Jesus is more than a mere human who was a great teacher or a popular hero. Jesus *was* and *is* God in human flesh. We will also learn *why* it is important for us to believe that Jesus *was* and *is* God in human flesh.

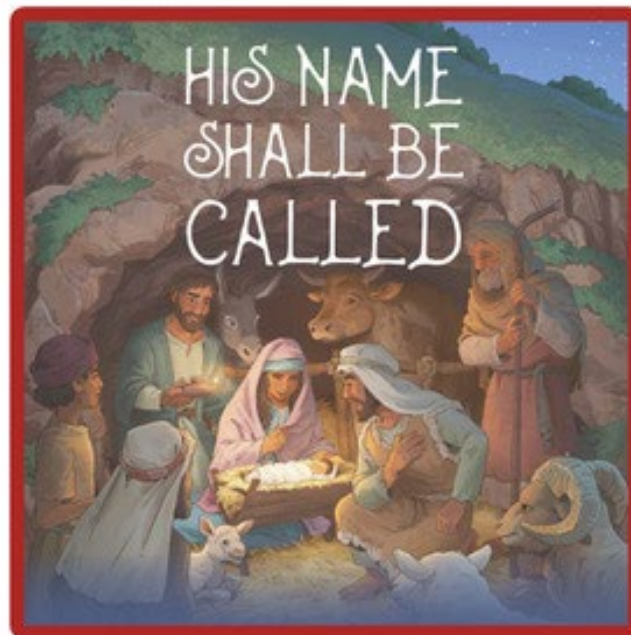
Our third midweek Advent theme is "Everlasting Father"—a title given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. We will learn why Jesus is called "Father" even though He is the eternal Son of the Father. We will also learn why Jesus is called "Everlasting." Finally, we will learn why Jesus' title "Everlasting Father" is such a great comfort to us—especially when we face trials or suffering in this world.

Finally on Christmas Eve we will focus on Christ as our “Prince of Peace”—a title given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. We will learn why we long for peace in this world but fail to obtain it. We will also learn how Jesus, the “Prince of Peace,” gives us peace with God through His sacrifice for us, which also results in believers being at peace with one another.

Rejoice this Advent season and come worship our Lord each week as we eagerly anticipate celebrating His birth and look forward to the day He returns to bring us into the new heavens and the new earth.

In Christ,

Pastor Zielinski



**Wednesdays
in Advent**

11:30 am & 7:00pm
(study @ 10am) (supper @ 6pm)

December 4, 11, & 18

Christmas Tea

2pm, Sunday, December 1

**Sunday School
Christmas Program**

**Sunday, December 8
10:30am**

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Lessons and Carols

11:30am 11am Carols by Request
4:00pm & 7:00pm
3:30pm & 6:30pm Carols by Request

Christmas Day 10:00am

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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

It's hard to believe, but another year has almost come and gone. The harvests have been completed & the fields have been tilled. The sights and sounds of Friday night football have transitioned to indoor courts and mats. Thanksgiving has passed and Christmas lights have begun to light the area. The first snow has arrived, and winter is setting in all around us. Yes, another trip around the sun is nearly complete.

For many, as the calendar year comes to an end, planning for the next one begins. Somewhere during the frantic pace that occurs during the holiday season between Thanksgiving and New Years, we plan out gatherings, contemplate what gifts to give, and even what resolutions to make. There is maintenance to be done around the farm and preparations that need to be made around the home. For many, the end of the year is just the beginning of the next cycle. For most, it is a time of preparation. This is the same for members of the Church.

In the Church calendar, the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is called Advent. The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival." For Christians, Advent is an important part of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. During this time, Christians engage in reflection, prayer, and spiritual preparation, often observing traditions like lighting an Advent candle. Each week of Advent emphasizes themes such as hope, peace, joy, and love, helping us prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Christmas. Advent serves not only to remind us of Jesus' miraculous birth, but His presence with us today in the Sacraments, as well as His promised second coming. It is truly a joyous time of expectation and preparation in the Church year.

As we close out the year together, I am reminded that we began the year speaking about resolutions and change. You may have been successful in your resolutions this year, or you may have failed. You may have, like myself, roller-coastered up and down with your workouts and weight loss goals. You may have had some successes and some challenges throughout the year. You might have even had great blessings or suffered terrible losses. You may have even, like many, struggled with depression and sin. That is the cycle of life. I want you to know that you need not despair or be discouraged by any of those things.

A wise man once told me that "the reason we fall is so we can learn to pick ourselves up." The same is true about Christ. We are not perfect, and we never will be. We all fail according to the Law. But Christ is perfect, and he fulfilled the Law on our behalf. In Him, we find forgiveness of our sin and all our imperfections and transgressions. As you prepare for the upcoming year, I encourage you to reflect not on the modern practice of Christmas, but on the true purpose of it... That Jesus Christ would be born to mankind to reconcile us to our Creator through the free gift of His grace... the greatest gift of all. To the Christian, I remind you that you are forgiven. Pick yourself up, and dust yourself off. A new year approaches. Seek Him while he may be found.

God bless & Merry Christmas. ~Rev. Streeper

FOCUSED ON THE MISSION: GIVING AS GOD HAS PROVIDED

Beloved of the Lord,

At St. Paul we have been tremendously blessed by your faithful generosity and outstanding management of the resources God has entrusted to us. For more than 175 years the Lord has blessed us with mission opportunities and the courage and resources to embrace them and accomplish what He has prepared for us.

When we set the budget each year we are making a commitment to fund the mission endeavors we lay out. As we near the end of 2024, the Executive Board wants to update the congregation on where we currently stand financially so that together we can remain focused on the mission that God has given us here in Valley City and around the world. These numbers reflect where we stand as of October 31.

Expenses/Income	2024 YTD Budgeted Expenses	2024 YTD Total Income	Difference
	\$ 305,137.00		
2024 YTD Actual	\$ 285,165.00	\$ 279,282.00	\$ (5,883.00)
Difference	\$ 19,972.00		

Offering Income	YTD Giving	Year-End Total Giving
2023	\$ 250,922.00	\$311,492.00
2024	\$ 249,970.00	\$309,099.00 (Estimated based on Nov/Dec Averages)
Difference	\$ (952.00)	\$ (2,393.00)

This Year-to-date data tells us a couple of things:

- Expenses are below what we budgeted. We have spent nearly \$20,000.00 less than we had budgeted. Even as we are all experiencing higher prices on all aspects of our lives, here at St. Paul we have been able to continue our mission while holding down costs well below what we had expected to spend.
- Our total income is lagging behind our expenses by almost \$6,000.00
- Our offerings are behind where we have been at this time in previous years, and based on averages, will be less than what we received last year.

The great Lutheran Question: What does this mean?

Some of you have increased your giving since last year. Thanks be to God! Some of you gave more last year than you have this year. There certainly can be many reasons for these changes. Our encouragement is for you to prayerfully consider the blessings God has provided you and then give accordingly.

We have committed to funding bold and wonderful mission opportunities within our congregation, locally, and beyond. We're counting on you to meet those challenges with the blessings God has provided you so that we can continue to manage these gifts and embrace the mission God has before us.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE MISSION OF ST. PAUL

We are called to contribute to the work of the Gospel in our congregations.

2 Corinthians 9:6–7 (ESV) — ⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

1 Corinthians 16:2 (ESV) — ² On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

YEARLY / QUARTERLY / MONTHLY / WEEKLY ...

Whether you give every week, once a month, or once a year, we are thankful for your generosity in supporting the mission of St. Paul that we have committed to. Your Lord has blessed you with more than zero and so we should all be returning a portion of those blessings for the work of the Gospel in thanks to God for His blessings.

So, how can you give?

ELECTRONIC GIVING (some changes coming)

Electronic giving has been a tremendous blessing to our members and to the congregation. Studies regularly show that when congregations make use of electronic giving, the overall offerings increase. It also allows you to give regularly as you are moved by your faith and it helps overcome the occasional forgetfulness or times when you may be away.

Zero Cost Through your bank: Likely through your bank you can set up a reoccurring “bill pay” where they will send a physical check to St. Paul in your name. We will record the offering with your name and it will appear on your year-end giving statement. This is likely free for you and is also free for St. Paul to receive these funds.

Some Cost: Online Giving: We have the ability for you to contribute through an online service on our website. Using an electronic check or the card of your choice you can set up a one-time or reoccurring gift. There are processing fees associated with these kinds of gifts and you have the opportunity to add to your offering to help offset these costs. If you like reoccurring offerings, please consider doing it through your bank’s bill-pay system that is free for you and for us. (see above).

Changes Coming: We are changing over to a new database system and a new online giving platform. This integrates directly with our record keeping software and will save time for our counters. Bill-Pay through your bank will always be best (free) but watch for the roll-out of the new system and how to set up your offerings again.

ENVELOPES

We still take cash and checks! Every member can receive a set of offering envelopes for weekly offerings and for other special events. This has been the primary way of collecting weekly offerings for many, many years. If you use your envelopes, great! If you no longer use them because you give electronically or just put the offering in the plate, please let us know so we can right-size the number of envelop sets we order each year.

IN THE PLATE

You can place your check directly in the offering plate without an envelope. We record contributions based individuals and don’t really need an “envelope number” to keep track of them. So, if you forget your offering envelope, you can just use a check, or place cash into one of the envelopes in the pew, write your name on it, and we’ll record it appropriately.

WITH GENEROUS HEARTS AND THANKFULNESS TO GOD

We have indeed been blessed here at St. Paul. You are a generous people of God: in your regular offerings and in the special opportunities that come up to give direct help to those in need or to support special projects. Keep it up! As the Lord has provided for each of us, He also will provide for the work of the Gospel through each of us.

No matter what the numbers say at one moment of time or another, we should remain focused on the mission that God has called us to and we have committed to supporting. We know there is good work being done and that our gifts are being used wisely and we are maintaining a legacy for generations yet to come. Thank you for your continued generous support of the mission of St. Paul.

In Christ,

Pastor Zielinski

Child of God

St. Paul's Child of God program was launched a year ago reaping numerous blessings for both the student and the mentor. This program includes children in grade 3 – 4 who are mentored by “older” members of our congregation for 8 months. (February – October) When children are mentored in church, it gives a lasting impact on that child, so they feel involved in church. Influence of just one person who takes an interest in a child can be course-altering. That child will feel welcomed into a faith community that can last a lifetime.

Youth need and desire the older generations to guide them. We know from Proverb 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it”. The Child of God program helps young people feel welcomed into a faith community. The child's mentor first and foremost prays for the child and family. They connect with their assigned child weekly at worship services and Sunday School, have general conversations and talk about God's love for them. The mentors get to know their assigned child and their family, making it a priority to talk with the child about their faith, baptism, school, activities and special occasions.

An enormous thank you to all the mentors this past year who prayed for their Child of God and developed lasting relationships with them and their families:

Tim and Jean Wadle

Branko and Charlie Djordjevic

Jim and Gail Jackson

Rich and Jenny Proeschel

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Below are comments shared by the mentors:

1. What a blessing the Child of God program has been!
2. We met a new family to us!
3. Not only were we engaged with one child, but we were able to get acquainted with the other children in the family!
4. Recognizing that family when we see them at church.
5. Getting to know some of their likes and dislikes.
6. Hearing about their dreams!
7. Connecting with a new family
8. We loved the hugs from our child
9. We loved sending little notes and messages to our child
10. Seeing our child's excitement when we gave her a color/paint book with Bible verses
11. Knowing our child likes to read, we gave her a book about famous and historical women who are Christians and she loved it.
12. Just because this year's program is ending, we still want to keep a connection with our child and their family
13. It truly was a joy to be in the Child of God program. The "kick off" event gave us an opportunity to get to know our child and his family. It was a special blessing to have him seek us out on Sunday morning and catch up with the week's events. We enjoyed sending notes and our special outing. The Child of God program has come to an end but our special bond will continue on. It's a privilege to be part of this wonderful program. We highly recommend it!

Here are comments shared by the children who were Child of God participants:

1. I liked spending time with my mentors
2. I loved seeing my mentors at church
3. I liked that my mentors asked me about school and my friends
4. I liked feeling special
5. I liked meeting my mentors and eating pizza
6. I liked knowing more about my mentors
7. I liked that I was able to meet more people at church
8. I liked knowing that someone else was praying for me
9. I liked that my mentors talked to me about Sunday School lessons
10. It was awesome doing things with my mentors, like eating ice cream and pizza
11. I liked that my mentors came to some of my baseball games
12. I like the cross necklace my mentors gave to me

The Child of God program will resume February 2025.

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

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/>

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.

= December 2024 =

SERVICE		1-Sep SUNDAY	8-Sep SUNDAY 8AM - Communion 10:30AM - Childrens Christmas	15-Sep SUNDAY	22-Sep SUNDAY	29-Sep SUNDAY
		Communion	No communion	Communion	Communion	Communion
ELDER	8am	Steve Kato	Tim Wadle	Chris Duran	Steve Kato	Chris Duran
	10:30am	Dave Hesketh	Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic	Jim Jackson	Dave Hesketh
USHERS	8am	Mark Gordon	Mike Scahel	Steve Kato	Mark Gordon	Mike Scahel
	10:30am	Eric Gottl	Rich Proeschel	Brian Dearth	Eric Gottl	Rich Proeschel
GREETERS	8am	David & Mackenzie Duran	Dean & Beth Bremke	Steve & Colleen Kato	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	David & Mackenzie Duran
	10:30am	Rich & Jenny Proeschel	Barb Pijor	Joe Bennett	Steve Kato	Barb Pijor
ELDER	Stephen Kato	Tim Wadle	Jim Jackson	Chris Duran	Sam Jakabcic	Dave Hesketh

SERVICE		December 4 WEDNESDAY	December 11 SUNDAY	December 18 SUNDAY	December 24 TUESDAY	December 25 WEDNESDAY Communion
ELDER	11:30am	Tim Wadle / Jim Rafter	Tim Wadle / Jim Rafter	Tim Wadle / Jim Rafter	Steve Kato / 11:30am Chris Duran	10AM Steve Kato
	7PM	Chris Duran	Steve Kato	Jim Jackson	4pm Steve Kato / Sam Jakabcic 7pm Steve Kato / Jim Jackson	
USHERS	8am				Elders to find volunteers	Elders to find volunteers
	10:30am					
GREETERS	8am				Elders to find volunteers	Elders to find volunteers
	10:30am					

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School children will be performing their annual Christmas Play on Sunday, December 8th second service.

Practice schedule as follows:

Sunday, December 1st during Sunday School

Saturday, December 7th dress rehearsal 9:00 - 10:30 am

Sunday, December 8th final dress rehearsal 9:15 - 10:15 am

Sunday, December 8th program 10:30 service

For the rest of December, the children will enjoy the movie "The Star" in the basement during the Sunday School hour (9:15 - 10:15) and enjoy Christmas crafts.

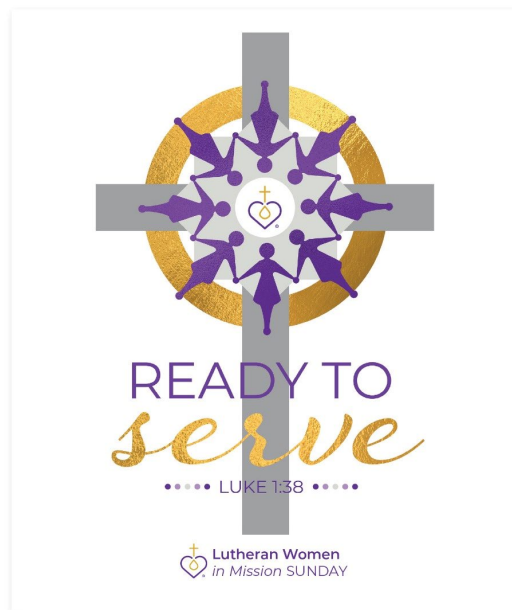
Sunday School classes begin again Sunday, January 5th when we begin to study stories from the New Testament.

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.



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Tea. Thank you to everyone who provided baked goods, moved furniture around, served refreshments and cleaned up.

What a giving congregation St. Paul is! Thank you to everyone who donated to families in need at The Oaks in Brunswick. St. Paul through LWML adopted 4 families of different sizes, to give them a joyful Christmas. You have been so generous providing Christmas gifts that were on the families wish list.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the health hygiene kits and also for help packing those kits up. The Gerys delivered them to Caldwell Ohio to be put in a trailer for Orphan Grain Train and have been delivered to Boone, North Carolina. The kits were received with great appreciation!

LWML sent some cheer in the way of Thanksgiving cards and Christmas cards to the residents at Life Care in Medina. We also sent cards to the St. Paul shut-ins for both holidays from the congregation.

LWML will be sponsoring a bake sale on Dec. 8 when the church is open for Christmas in the Valley. Proceeds from the bake sale will be sent to Orphan Grain Train. We are asking the congregation for help with baked goods. Please package cookies/ brownies in half dozen or dozen packages. Thank you!



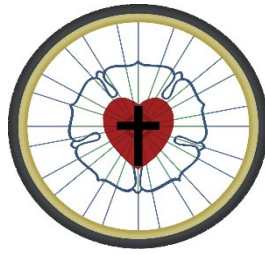


Christmas in the Valley hosted by the Valley City Community Group gets bigger each year! The same is true here at St. Paul for our part in Christmas in the Valley. As part of Christmas in the Valley, St. Paul is welcoming the community to visit us. As always, all are welcome for Worship when our Sunday School Christmas Program will be presented.

Afterwards, stay, mingle with members and guests, and explore the model train displays with new scenes by families from our congregation. What little details can you find? The LWML will be having a bake sale to benefit hurricane relief. There will be songs and carols and a coloring station for the kids.

Christmas in the Valley takes place on Saturday, December 7th & Sunday, December 8th. At St. Paul, Christmas in the Valley continues after worship until 4pm. In the valley on Sunday, there will be a chili cook off, holiday vendors, and a parade. The night before, there is a community sing-a-long at Zion ELCA on Abbeyville Rd. at 6pm Saturday.

See the Valley City Community Group website for more details at valleycity.org/christmas-in-the-valley



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CYCLING FRIENDS

Hello Lutheran Cycling Friends – both those of you who have cycled with us and those who have yet to cycle with us. Our 2024 season is over, but a new one starts now – in a way. To recap 2024, we had over 30 official planned rides some with lots of notice like the regular weekly rides we tried in Summer and some with less notice. The year started spectacularly with one of those with less notice – we rode to see the Eclipse! At the end, we rode to see the House from A Christmas Story. In between we rode more than 13 different trails in 10 different counties - we took excursions to Amish Country, we rode in the Zoo to see the Asian Lights Festival, and we took a group to the Tour De Donut. It wasn't without challenges as (non-cycling) injuries, scheduling issues, and other hurdles popped up all season. Usually it wasn't the weather. We likely won't have 30 rides again unless we try weekly rides again, but we will have 2 or 3 other planned rides every month at a variety of trails. Enjoying the weather, we had several nice rides with stops for pictures, rest breaks, coffee, ice cream, or meals – each ride is a little different. Fellowship, fun, nature, and health are the benefits of our leisurely rides. The rides are predominantly out and back rides on a selected trail. Regular trails include the North Coast Inland Trail and the Towpath Trail and places include the Metroparks, CVNP, and small towns from Railroad and Canal Days. It all starts with new and favorite adventures again in 2025 – probably some time in April when the weather gets nice again more consistently. Until then, there's always a chance that a stretch of nice weather might be identified for a ride with some notice. Mostly that notification is via our Facebook group, but also our members can ask each other for a spur of the moment ride too or to get ready for our big ride and excursion – the Tour De Donut. We will be going back. It takes place Saturday, August 23rd. The earlier you purchase your entry, the more the savings. Ask members for more details or contact Walter Dill for any information you need. If you like to cycle, there is a place for you in our group and we hope to see you out on the trail with us.

Knox Box Program

The Valley City Fire Department runs a Knox Box Program sponsored by the Lester Township Trustees. This is for elderly residents as well as residents with disabilities. This program is free to anyone willing and needing a Knox box for their home. This will help us in the event of a medical emergency. If someone from the residence calls 911 and is unable to get to the door, this will prevent us from needing to find alternative methods for getting into the house. Call 330-483-3811 for details.

LUTHERAN
SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING
ORGANIZATION
OF OHIO

August 5, 2024

St. Paul Lutheran
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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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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 not necessary to disassemble 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!***

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



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

PASTOR.....Rev. Philip Zielinski
440.458.0189.....pastor.zielinski@spvc.org

PASTORAL ASSISTANT.....Rev. Chris Streeper
330.441.0502.....chris.streeper@spvc.org

EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

President.....Dean Bremke
216.316.0810
deanbremke@gmail.com

Secretary.....Art Heyse
440.816.9944
artheyse@gmail.com

Treasurer.....David Duran
216.577.5162
treasurer@spvc.org

Treasurer Assistant.....Chuck Toth
440.227.4239
charles.toth@spvc.org

Financial Secretary.....Sarah Duran
440.263.4600
financialsecretary@spvc.org

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR.....Walter Dill
330.483.3883.....walter.dill@spvc.org

DVD MINISTRY

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

Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Randall Silk	2 Irmgard Cordes	3 Vauna Streeper	4 Robert Muntz Sarah Myers Christina Strekely	5 Jacob Adams 'Charlie' Djordjevic Savannah Miscuda	6 Bryan Klooz	7
8 Kathleen Burns Gregory Tyrpak Yuliza Zielinski	9	10 Karleen Meilander	11 Hannah Criswell	12 Gavin Beck	13	14 Todd Myers
15	16	17 Zendaya Beck Bob Schiemann	18	19 Cassie Bremke Benjamin Moser	20 Michele Gatt John Kristoff	21 Todd Gery
22 Jared Pflaum	23 Angela Bailey	24 Donnie Cox Zachary Torres	25 David Knopf Dottie Miller	26	27	28 Elijah Inman
29 Tammy Rhodes Jim Willson	30 Bill Siiman	31				

Baptism Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Art Jesse Kathe Stumpf	2 Julia Baker	3 Curtis Hawke	4 Izsac Metzger	5	6 Laurie Baker Emily Balliet	7 Christopher Miscuda
8 Miles Heyse Kim Schultz	9 Natalie Myers Margaret Weintz	10	11 Irmgard Cordes Sandy Turner	12 Sarah Duran	13 Turner Allison Judy Renz William Schnurr	14 Reagan Sherry Gage Tomak
15	16	17	18 Brian Dearth Ethel Schiemann	19	20	21 Miranda Pflaum
22 Jiebing Bennett Evie Metzger	23	24	25	26	27	28 Garrett Buvinghausen Nina Spry
29 Hannah Criswell Julia Scheiman	30	31 Benjamin Moser				

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
Wedding Anniversaries

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Jim and Joyce Willson	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Deborah and Ralph Scheiman	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Heinrich and Irmgard Cordes
29 Chris and Vauna Streeper	30 Jim and Susan Little Rachel and Joseph Walker	31				

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
Birthdays

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Irma Hill	2	3 David Gigliotti Katie Piroli Michelle Scabel	4 Deborah Gotsch
5 Rob Zacharias	6	7 Mark Andrukat Cynthia Balliet Maggie Gordon	8	9 Isabel Spry Alice Tyrpak	10 Kari Morar	11 Carl Strekely
12	13	14	15 Richard Gatt	16 Noah Dearth Dale Huelsman	17	18 Jacob Gatt Jim Little
19 Jeff Hill	20	21	22 Penny Evans	23 Yesenia Zielinski	24 Barbara Knight	25
26 Kristen Nagy Morgan Theiss	27	28 Jackson Baker Gretalyn Beck Rachel LaChance	29	30 Bradley Gilliam Dennis Murawski	31	

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
Baptism Anniversaries

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 'Charlie' Djordjevic Thomas Hadaway Sammy Jakabcic David Knopf Larry Mitchell	2	3	4
5	6 Randall Silk	7 Garrett Beck	8 Evelyn Balliet Luke Bremke Nicholas Franz	9 Allysa Metzger	10 Bryan Klooz Molly Ross	11
12 Michele Gatt Zachary Torres	13 Karleen Meilander	14	15	16	17	18
19 Gabrielle LaChance	20 Todd Myers	21 Jacob Adams	22 Sarah Myers	23	24	25 Isabel Spry
26	27	28	29 Ezmarelda Winterstein	30 Barbara Knight Rob Zacharias	31	

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
Wedding Anniversaries

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Stephen and Colleen Kato	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Larry and Arlene Klooz
12 Tim and Jean Wadle	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 James and Michelle Murawski	31	

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!

December 2024

Events Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 12-2pm Communion 2pm Christmas Tea	2 6-7:30pm Youth Confirmation 6:30-8pm Youth Group	3 10am LWML 5-7pm Walk-in Communion	4 10am Bible Study 11:30am Advent I Worship 6:00pm Potluck Supper 7:00pm Advent I Worship	5	6	7 9am Sunday School Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal
8 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Christmas Program 12-2pm Communion 11:30am – 4pm Christmas in the Valley	9 6-7:30pm Youth Confirmation 6:30-8pm Scouts	10 5-7pm Walk-in Communion 7pm Elders	11 10am Bible Study 11:30am Advent II Worship 6:00pm Potluck Supper 7:00pm Advent II Worship	12	13	14
15 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 12-2pm Communion	16 6-7:30pm Youth Confirmation 6:30-8pm Youth Group	17 5-7pm Walk-in Communion 7pm Executive Board	18 10am Bible Study 11:30am Advent III Worship 6:00pm Potluck Supper 7:00pm Advent III Worship	19	20	21
22 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 12-2pm Communion	23	24 11:30am, 4pm, 7pm Candlelight Lessons and Carols (singing 30-mins before)	25 10am Christmas Day Worship	26	27	28
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