



St Paul Lutheran

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With Palm Branches in their Hands

“So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!’” (John 12:13, ESV)

Palm Sunday is the dramatic start to Holy Week, the week of Jesus suffering, death, and resurrection. One week before he will rise from the dead, Jesus rides on a donkey into Jerusalem to the praises of the crowds, shouting “Hosanna!” which means, “Save us!” and spreading branches and their cloaks on the road, welcoming him as a victorious king. The palm branches appear again in the vision of heaven given to John in the book of Revelation. It is another victory procession into the New Jerusalem, hailing Jesus, the Lamb who was slain, as the Eternal King.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” (Revelation 7:9–10, ESV)

Two crowds. Two processions. One victory. And palm branches.

The Palm Sunday drama presents the crowds who had followed Jesus and the crowds who were gathering in Jerusalem for the Passover celebration. They meet Jesus with shouts longing for salvation and deliverance. How right they are, but how misdirected their hopes actually were. They were longing for salvation and deliverance from the Roman occupiers and a revolution to reestablish an earthly kingdom. They greeted the King of the Universe whose kingdom is not of this world and who would deliver them from the Evil One and out of temptation. What would happen when he does not meet their expectations and they hear the whispers of temptation urging them to turn against Jesus?

In the hymn, “My Song is Love Unknown,” we sing that, in short order, “Crucify!” will be all their breath as they thirst and cry for the imposter to die. All the while, this death is what will bring them true salvation and deliverance.

From the death of Jesus comes a true and lasting victory. Upon the cross he declares in a loud voice, “It is finished!” and proclaims that your salvation has been secured. The throng that gathered in the streets of Jerusalem, the mass of humanity that has come in the centuries and millennia since the world began, the Body of Christ of which you belong, now have a place in a greater victory procession.

*Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!”
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.
(LSB 430, v. 3)*

*Take a palm branch
home (or several)
and place them
behind pictures of
Jesus or crosses to
remind you of Jesus’
Passion and the
victory that is yours.*

In heaven, in the New Jerusalem, you are seen in that great multitude that are all the believers in Christ Jesus. With a white baptismal robe of Christ’s righteousness and the victor’s palm branch in your hands, you cry out for joy at the victory of the Lamb over sin, death, and the devil. You will come out of this life, this great tribulation, and your sin-stained garment of flesh is cleansed in the blood of the Lamb who sits upon the throne.

From Palm Sunday through Holy Week, the drama of the Passion of Jesus unfolds in wondrous mystery. That in the weakness of a king riding on a donkey, in the simplicity of a meal of bread and wine, in the humiliation of death upon the cross, Jesus wins for you the perfect and enduring victory. Jesus’ Passion brings you strength, majesty, and exalts you into the presence of God most high as he answers your cries of “Hosanna!, Save us!”

The palms and processions of Palm Sunday remind us of the coming victory celebration when Jesus comes again to judge the living and the dead. This Palm Sunday, as you hold a branch in your hand, imagine yourself gathered together in that great multitude, together with those whom you love who have died with faith in Christ. Wave the palm and shout for joy “Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!”

In Christ

Pastor Zielinski

PS: Check out the variety of worship opportunities during Holy Week, including the Easter Vigil on Saturday. We will have several adult confirmations and new members joining the congregation on this special night. It is a unique way to begin your Easter celebration.

From the Vicar's desk...

Lent is a period of reflection, and because of my current situation, I've had an extra amount of time to reflect on things in my life. Our theme for Lent this year is "The Work of His Hands" and given that I currently do not have use of my left arm, and by extension my hand, the irony is not lost on me. As I was preparing to write this month's newsletter, I also happened to be working on my sermon for the Third Sunday in Lent and engaged in discussions with my SMP cohort about Evangelism in today's world. Again, the irony was not lost on me... So, I suppose this month it is appropriate for me to speak about the work of the Church.

What is the "work of the Church?" Specifically, it is to carry out the Great Commission of Christ. The Gospel of St. Matthew records these words of Christ, ***"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."*** If we were to put the Great Commission into theological terms, the work of the Church is Evangelism and Discipleship. Evangelism is the work of sharing the Gospel of Christ, both locally and globally. Discipleship is the work of teaching others to learn from and model their lives after Christ. These two things look different when they are carried out by different people, but all Christians are asked to do this work by our Lord.

For Pastors, like myself and Pastor Zielinski, our work may be very familiar. We are called by the Church specifically to preach and teach, amongst other things. Our work is often on display weekly as we lead Sunday Worship, conduct Bible studies, and do the work of the local parish ministry, such as providing spiritual care and visiting with homebound members. I suppose the next most visible among our congregation would be our Sunday School teachers, who volunteer their time to teach our children each week. This is also a Great Commission work. Our ladies involved in the LWML, who work together to carry out various missions at home and aboard... they too are involved in the work of the Great Commission. These are the visible elements of God's hands and feet at work through His people at St. Paul. But what of the unseen? The parents who dedicate time with their children during the week to study the Bible at home and teach them hymns. You too are God's hands and feet. You are actively engaged in the work of Discipleship.

One thing I have observed during my short few years as a Lutheran is that we (the entire LCMS, not St. Paul specifically) tend to do the work of Discipleship very well but we struggle a bit with the task of Evangelism. This is not anyone's fault; it has become an American model across many denominations that Evangelism is done on Sunday mornings. Somehow the idea developed that we

need to “invite people to church” to “hear the pastor.” This, however, is not Evangelism. Properly speaking, Discipleship is done with Christians... Evangelism is done outside the walls of the church. To be a congregation which faithfully carries out the Great Commission of our Lord we must continue to properly deliver the Word and Sacraments each week during Worship, but we must also get out into our community to share with the people around us the Gospel as well as our Lutheran distinctives. And over the past several months, for the first time since Covid, we have begun to do that again... and I applaud you!

The Great Commission work that St. Paul is doing is bearing fruit! I can tell this because our parish is growing, not just because we are having lots of beautiful babies, but because new members continue to join our congregation. We are not only discipling Christians, but we are also reaching the “unchurched”, which will be evidenced again next month during another adult baptism! Our Evangelism Committee, led by Walter Dill, continues to work on ways to become engaged in our community, and because of that officials from Valley City have called on St. Paul for help, and members have stepped up to answer those needs. And I thank you all! You are indeed serving as the hands and feet of Christ, both inside the church and without. You are faithfully carrying out His work. Keep up the good work!

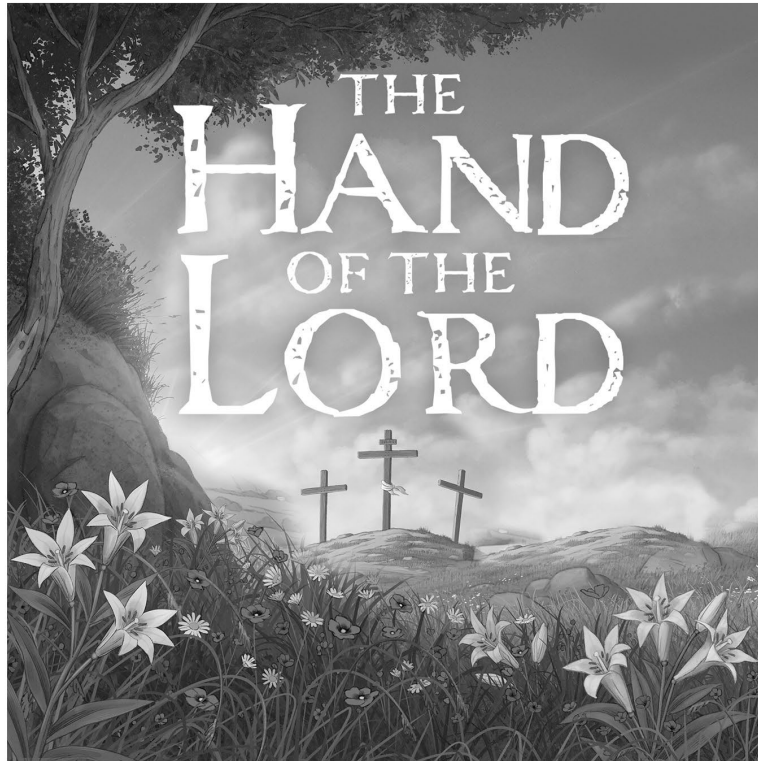
St. Paul is both literally and figuratively, a light shining on a hill in our community. As we continue to go forth doing the Lord’s work, let us remind everyone around us this month that He is Risen! ~Rev Streeper



EASTER FLOWERS

Wednesday, April 2nd is your last chance to order hyacinths, tulips, daffodils, and Easter lilies to help further beautify our sanctuary for Easter. Order forms are at the Welcome Center with more information. Plants are \$10 each. Please fill out the form completely and place with payment into the wood box using the provided envelopes.

Thank you!



WORSHIP FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday, March 5

11:30am - Worship (Study @ 10am)

7:00pm - Worship (Supper 6-7pm)

Lord's Supper celebrated at both services

Maundy Thursday

(Divine Service with the Lord's Supper)

April 17, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Good Friday

April 18, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Wednesdays in Lent

11:30am - Worship (Study @ 10am)

7:00pm - Worship (Supper 6-7pm)

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 19, 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 20

8am & 10:30am - Festival Divine Service

9:15am Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt

www.spvc.org

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/>

April 2025

	SERVICE	April 6 SUNDAY Communion	April 13 SUNDAY Palm Sunday Communion	April 20 SUNDAY EASTER Communion	April 27 SUNDAY Communion
ELDER	8am 10:30am	Chris Duran/Steve Kato Jim Jackson/Sam Jakabcic	Tim Wadle/Steve Kato Dave Hesketh/Jim Jackson	All Elders All Elders	Chris Duran/Tim Wadle Dave Hesketh/Sam Jakabcic
USHERS	8am 10:30am	Mark Gordon Brian Dearth	Mike Scahel Jeff Hill	Elders will find ushers if needed	Scott Leu Eric Gottl
GREETERS	8am 10:30am	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes Rich & Jenny Proeschel	Dean & Beth Bremke Steve Kato		Steve & Colleen Kato Tim & Jean Wadle
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
	SERVICE	April 2 WEDNESDAY	April 9 WEDNESDAY		
ELDER	11:30am 7:00pm	J. Rafter/Tim Wadle Steve Kato	J. Rafter/Tim Wadle Jim Jackson		
	SERVICE	April 17 Maundy Thursday Communion	April 18 Good Friday	April 19 Easter Vigil	
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MUSIC MINISTRIES



The Bell Choir continues to meet for practice after the late services until Easter. The Choir and Bell Trio also continue to practice for the services of Holy Week.

If you would like to join in playing bells or singing with the choir in the future, contact Nicole Spry or Sarah Moser.

LCEF

LCEF's Take Heart Scholarship is now available for High School Seniors who have a Young Investors (Y.I.) StewardAccount.

The Take Heart Scholarship celebrates your next educational chapter by encouraging you to reflect on your faith, share your unique perspective and embrace the journey ahead with confidence. High school seniors who have a Young Investors (Y.I.) StewardAccount with LCEF can apply for a chance to receive financial support for further education, with awards of \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Applications close on **May 1, 2025**, with recipients announced by **May 30, 2025**. This year's essay topic: What does it mean to be created in the image of God? Share your thoughts about how you serve God in accordance with **how** He made you and **where** he has placed you in life (your various vocations of child, student, friend, etc.) To learn more visit <https://lcef.org/scholarship/> or contact Lisa Hall the Ohio District LCEF Vice President at lisa.hall@lcef.org / 216-570-7077.



SUNDAY SCHOOL & VBS



Sunday school continues with lessons from the New Testament as we begin a new unit on April 13th. This unit includes Jesus' appearance to His disciples after His resurrection, the work of His apostles, and the promise of His return.

The Children will be singing for 1st and 2nd service on Palm Sunday, April 13th and Mother's Day, May 11th. Please have your child to church by 8:45 am in the nursery room on these two Sundays. A notice will be sent home with each child closer to the event.

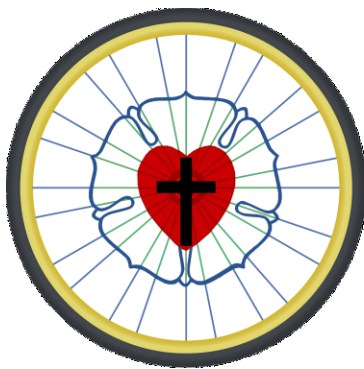
April 20 the Sunday school children will have an Easter Egg hunt in the basement of the church after the Easter breakfast.

We have more than enough plastic eggs for the Easter Egg hunt this year. We also have received a generous donation of treats for the eggs. For anyone who would like to donate, additional donations for the Sunday School may be noted and placed directly into the offering plates. Thank you!

Our first VBS meeting will be on Sunday, May 4th after the second service in the Adult Bible Study area. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please sign up on the VBS sheet located on the visitor center desk. If you want to help with VBS, but are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Beth Bremke.

Looking ahead, the last day of SS lessons is May 11th. On May 18th the kids will watch a movie in the basement and celebrate the concluding year with ice cream and crafts.

VBS – Epic Australian Adventure – July 7th – July 11th



Lutheran Cycling Friends - 2025 Schedule

All rides are subject to change and to weather. Join our Facebook group for extra details, to show your plan to attend, and get the latest updates. Walter Dill leads the group. Join in as often as you like.

Rides are never a race (unless you choose so in the Tour De Donut); all or mostly on dedicated trails; usually have stops for water, pictures, or drinks; and, are a time for fellowship, fun, enjoying nature, and a bit of exercise. Most rides are out and back along the same route and can be shortened as you please. That's about it. Here's the 2025 schedule. C'mon out. It's as easy as riding a bike...

GREEN – normal group rides

RED – special events, event charges/registration

BLUE – volunteer projects

Glazed DONUT Days

Sat, Apr 26	09:00 AM	St. Paul's Journey Rest – build/set up our trailhead at St. Paul ahead of the CCA Tour De Farms (see next line for our accompanying ride)
Sat, Apr 26	12:00 PM	Celebrate Trails Ride at Chippewa Inlet North, Medina – 15 miles Chippewa Inlet & Chippewa Rail Trails Rails to Trails Conservancy presents Celebrate Trails Day, rides happen all across the country
Sun, May 4	12:30 PM	CCA Tour De Farms Kids Trail Ride, Mill Stream Park, Valley City – Our main focus will be to run our Evangelism booth at the event with gift bags for the kids and information about St. Paul for their parents and also to have volunteers register to help CCA in the Kids Trail Ride. All kids of the congregation with bikes are invited to take part (see next line).
Sun, May 4	01:00 PM	Junior Lutheran Cycling Friends only- FREE – (any pre-registered) kids ride up to 5 laps and get treats. Kids will ride the trail at Mill Stream Park right here in Valley City.
	10:15 AM	32 mile adult ride \$35 or 11:15 AM 10 mile adult ride \$35 for anyone not volunteering and who went to early service :) The CCA Tour De Farms is a fundraiser for the Cleveland Cycling Academy. This is the 2 nd year for this annual event. This event brings hundreds of cyclists and others to our area. For more information, see clevelandcyclingacademy.org
Sat, May 10	09:00 AM	Bike & Hike Trail, 3 in 1 Ride 18 miles (flat ride, junior friendly 2 miles rdtrp to Ledges), Boston Heights
Sat, May 24	09:00 AM	Towpath Trail 20 miles Hunt House Trailhead, Bolanz Rd, CVNP, Cuyahoga Falls to the Mustill Store
Wed, May 28	06:00 PM	NCT Oberlin 15 or more miles West or East from the Trailhead
Sat, Jun 7	08:00 AM	Hot Tamale Bicycle Tour, Waldo, Ohio – \$25 supports further development of the Marion Tallgrass Trail
Sat, Jun 14	09:00 AM	County Line Trail 14 miles, Creston to Rittman, Bauman Orchards Strawberry Festival, food trucks, strawberry donuts, coffee truck, farmers market (reach Strawberry Festival by car – FREE event)
Wed, Jun 18	06:00 PM	NCT Oberlin 15 or more miles West or East from the Trailhead
TBA – on a Summer Fri	09:00 AM	Excursion, day trip/longer ride, to Amish Country and some combination of the Mohican Valley, Kokosing Gap, Heart of Ohio, or Holmes County Trails. Weekday date depends on who is interested.
Sat, Jun 28	09:00 AM	Towpath Cascade Locks Trailhead 17 Miles Mustill Store Museum, Akron, Freedom Trail
Sat, Jul 12	09:00 AM	100 th Anniversary Shelby Bicycle Compnay - Shelby Bicycle Days, 5 Lindy Flyer Ride mileage loops, Farmers Market, midway with food trucks, Bicycle Museum Open House, Kids events, inflatables, decorating, parade, science show, music, fireworks (event w. no registration – FREE)
Sat, Jul 19	09:00 AM	Towpath Trail to Edgewater Park & Beach, Cuyahoga Heights – 24 miles, Edgewater Beach House picnic
Wed, Jul 23	06:00 PM	NCT Oberlin 15 or more miles West or East from the Trailhead
Sat, Aug 2	09:00 AM	Towpath Clinton Trailhead 18.5 or 24.2 Miles Cherry Street Creamery, optional extension to Ernie's Bike Shop Massillon & Blue Heron Cafe, Olde Muskingum Trail
Wed, Aug 6	06:00 PM	NCT Oberlin to Mickey Mart or Wakeman Elevator 21 miles West from the Trailhead – Donut training!
Wed, Aug 13	06:00 PM	NCT Oberlin to Mickey Mart or Wakeman Elevator 21 miles West from the Trailhead – Donut training!
Sat, Aug 16	09:00 AM	North Coast Inland Trail (NCT), Oberlin – 16.5 or 31.5 miles, optional end/mid-ride Donut stop at Gibson's – Tour De Donut training :)
Sat, Aug 23	08:00 AM	Tour De Donut, TROY, OHIO – Donut festival with music and food trucks, supported rides and races with donut stops (plus bananas, drinks, etc), 34.4 or 19 miles, 5 minutes off your time per donut, \$45-65 includes t-shirt if early – supports local vendors and causes – 2024 we stayed overnight with hotel rooms, checked in, spent the evening and had dinner in Troy
Sat, Sep 6	09:00 AM	Aukerman Park Trailhead to Berea Falls Overlook 21.5 Miles Cleveland Metroparks Multipurpose Trail, Wallace Lake Cafe
Sun, Sep 14*	06:00 PM	Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Wild Ride \$16 supports the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo – ride through the route in the Zoo as many times as you like, watch the animals, see the Asian Light Festival before and after sunset
Sat, Sep 20	09:00 AM	Maple Grove Picnic Area to Emerald Necklace Marina 20.5 Miles Cleveland Metroparks Multipurpose Trail, Emerald Necklace Cafe
Sat, Sep 27	09:00 AM	Library Roll, Fredericksburg, Ohio – 19 miles Holmes County Trail, \$35* supports the Fredericksburg Library, t-shirts, fry pies, ice cream
Sat, Oct 11	09:00 AM	Brandywine Falls to Beford Scenic Overlook, 17 miles, Summit Bike & Hike, Cleveland Metroparks
Sat, Oct 25	09:00 AM	Station Road Bridge Brecksville to Szalay's Farm Market (open) 20.5 miles Towpath
Sat, Nov 8*	12:00 PM	Towpath Trail 20 miles from Szalay's Farm (closed) to Station Road Bridge, Peninsula/Brecksville
Sat, Nov 22*	12:00 PM	Towpath Trail 12.5 miles to/from the House from A Christmas Story, Aqueduct Trailhead, Cuyahoga Hts

* Some event prices vary, some have not yet been set yet this year, the date of the Wild Ride at the Zoo is not yet confirmed.

* November rides are iffy.... If it is supposed to be over 55 and dry, we will ride.

* Wearing our club and St. Paul colors is encouraged at our rides, especially the events.

LWML

Our ladies enjoyed a Sunday afternoon at our LWML Prayer Service "*Blessed are they...*". A meeting was held discussing our zone and the churches in our zone. The ladies were asked to step forward and be on committees for our 2026 convention, *Joyful Always*, at St. Paul, Westlake. Hand outs regarding the committees will be made available. At our meeting it was decided to look into Visual Faith Ministry as our Fall Event, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 4 at Faith, Avon. Committee members for the 2026 "Joyful Always" convention are being requested and info is being given to all.

Ethel Schiemann

L –M Zone president



All About LWML Mites

Use your enclosed mite box or you may feed St Paul's mite box on our designated Sunday! Twenty- five percent of the mite offering is sent to National LWML for their mission grants and the remaining seventy-five percent is used for our Ohio District's mission grants and funding. Mite money is used to further God's kingdom through the mission grants selected by our delegates at district and national conventions.

Thank you Lord, use these mites and to spread the Good News of Jesus' love here and throughout the world. Amen

QUILTERS



The quilters are planning a field trip to the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo at the IX Center on Friday, April 4. We will be buying tickets the morning of April 4 online. If you would like to go with us, please let Judy Renz, Jeanette Rafter, Nicole Spry, Dianne Holland or Diane Johnson know. We will be carpooling from the church.

HOLY ROLLERS



Holy Rollers is a group that comes together in fellowship playing board games. The next gathering has not yet been scheduled. If this is something that interests you, you can find out more by contacting Jay Moser.

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. We have a machine to remove combs which helps extend their useful life. 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



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

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Install the
“Audiofetch” app on
your device.



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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.

EVANGELISM

Time moves quickly – our first event is almost here! We are looking for 2-3 people to staff our booth at the Kids Trail Ride of the Cleveland Cycling Academy's fundraising event, the Tour De Farms Gran Fondo. We're also looking to help provide some additional volunteers for the Kids Trail Ride. The event will bring many local people with an interest in cycling to Valley City including many young adults and young families. Several rides will take place in the morning. Although it takes place Sunday, May 4, the Kids Ride isn't until 1pm. We'll set up our booth between 12pm and 12:30pm. At that time, our information and presentation board will be set up, we'll have information available for adults, and we will give out special items to the kids and their parents which also includes the information highlighting our programs for kids: Sunday School, Trail Life, American Heritage Girls, Youth Group, and this year's VBS information.

For those with children who might wish to participate, the children will have an opportunity to ride the trail around the Mill Stream Park here in Valley City where we have our annual Church Picnic. They can see how many times they can make it around the course up to 5 times. Volunteers for the CCA, including some from St. Paul, will be on hand to coordinate this event. If you think your children would have fun at the park and riding bikes or if you would like to help us provide volunteers for the CCA, the event is free for kids and volunteers, but you do need to register. Registration can be found at clevelandcyclingacademy.org/cca-gran-fondo. If registering to volunteer, in the additional information field just note that you are with St. Paul and registering to help with the Kids Trail Ride. *Please see Walter Dill if you would like to volunteer.*

Upcoming Valley City Events

Sunday, May 4	Cleveland Cycling Academy Gran Fondo and Children's Ride various event times, 2:00 p.m. Children's Ride
Friday, July 4	Independence Day Parade and Fireworks
Sunday, July 20	64 th Annual Frog Jump – events and vendors all day
August	VCFD Street Fair, Movie in the Park
December	Christmas in the Valley

Part of Evangelism is just being active in your community and living a Christian life. Opportunities arise in engagement with others. Being active in Bible Study, Worship, and congregational life here at St. Paul prepare you to be able to speak of your faith to others. Our Evangelism Committee efforts add a direct specific effort to have a face to face interaction with our community outside of the church building.

Wearing St. Paul gear at Valley City events is a great way to have visibility in the community! Volunteer to help with our part in one of the events we actively participate in and we'll make sure you get a St. Paul shirt or hat!

BABY BOTTLE MINISTRY

The Baby Bottle Ministry helps to support the Oaks Family Care Center in Brunswick, Medina County. Pick up an empty Baby Bottle Bank on your way out of church. Use it to collect spare change. Turn one in to the church office whenever you fill one up.

Would you like a special tour of the Oaks Facilities? Tours for individuals or small groups can be arranged during their normal hours. The Oaks Family Care Center provides supervised visits for families to repair relationships; professional counseling appointments; coaching and classes for parenting and health and wellness; and, material goods of food, diapers, clothes, and formula. More information about the Oaks Family Care Center and empty Baby Bottles are found in the Narthex Hallway. oaks-family-care.org.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. Isaiah 61:3 (NIV)



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.

TRUSTEE WORKBENCH

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact:
Adam Criswell at: adamcriswell007@gmail.com

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

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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

Knox Box Program

The Valley City Fire Department runs a Knox Box Program sponsored by the Lester Township Trustees. This is for residents with disabilities or who are elderly. This program is free to anyone willing and needing a Knox box for their home. This will help VCFD 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 VCFD from needing to find alternative methods for getting into the house. Call 330-483-3811 for details.

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.

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.

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: slturn71@gmail.com

Available: Any

OUR VERY SPECIAL MEMBERS

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Strongsville, OH 44136
440-477-6769

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Medina, OH 44256
330-388-1781

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216-387-8056

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6988 Spieth Road
Medina, OH 44256
330-421-2050

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330-723-1020

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Brunswick, OH 44212
330-225-7381

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Brentwood Health Center
907 W. Aurora Rd.
Northfield, OH 44067
330-468-2273

RAUHAUS, Marilyn**Plum Creek**

891 Marks Road, Rm #C-2
Brunswick, OH 44212
330-416-8441

SCHIEMANN, Bob**Plum Creek**

891 Marks Road, Rm #B-13
Brunswick, OH 44212

SILK, Dorothy**Kemper House**

10890 Prospect Road,
Room #226-B
Strongsville, OH 44149
440-846-1100

STUMPF, Kathe**Pearl Crossing**

19205 Pearl Road, Rm #212
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[440-268-9555](tel:440-268-9555)

BURGESS,**Rev. Jeff & Bailey**

St. Paul Lutheran Church
7701 East M-36
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

6905 Cheddar Valley Drive
Brighton, MI 48116

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231 E. Hamilton Street
Wellington, OH 44090

12762 Baird Road
Oberlin, Oh 44074

MONDAY, Rev. Dakota**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

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Updated 1-2025

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

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Art Heyse.....440.558.9566

Judy Scaife.....330.723.7756

Pastor Zielinski.....440.458.0189

ALTAR GUILD

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James & Jeanette Rafter.....440.926.1007

Susan Willkom.....330.723.7137

Carole Zwingelburg.....330.725.1054

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent.....Beth Bremke

Nursery Roll.....Pam McGuire

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

BABY BOTTLE MINISTRY (Oaks Family Care Center)

Walter Dill.....330.483.3883

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CARD MINISTRY...Joyce Ellenberger & Carol Hesketh

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Dean Bremke.....216.316.0810

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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	2 Tricia Hibler Melissa Huelsman	3	4	5 Samuel Bremke
6	7 Ian Scahel	8 Deb Weigel Lenore Winterstein	9 Chris Schnurr	10 Tremontae Beck	11 Phoebe Bennett	12 Thomas Albrecht Jack Gordon Abigail Klooz
13 Gary Kirchenbauer	14 Rosie Hibler	15 Mark Ross	16 Jerelyn Bosela	17	18 Carol Hesketh Simon Moser	19 Kyle Bremke
20 Sarah Scheiman	21	22	23	24 Frances Leu	25 Susan Adams Jerome Duran Penelope Huelsman Sophie Rauhaus	26
27	28 Wazim Doris Pam McGuire	29 Jonathan Klooz	30			

Wedding Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Jim and Trena Tighe, 49	4	5 Dave and Judy Scaife, 50
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 John and Susan Willkom, 32	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Paul and Dianne Schultz, 62	28 John and Janet Kristoff, 63 Carl and Christina Strekely, 52	29	30			

This information is drawn from our new system. Please look it over to wish someone a happy birthday or anniversary, but also to help verify the information. 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!

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
Baptism Anniversaries

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Donald Gotsch Judy Pflaum Jim Sherry	2 Barbara Duran Diane Raita	3 Gaige Witt	4 Linda Steingass	5 Victoria Becker Faye Denman Penny Evans Richard Carlson Robert Andrukat
6 Helen Schoolcraft	7 Bonnie Keller Dianne Schmidt	8 Mike Wohlever	9	10 Alexander Tyrpak Lorena Zielinski Valeria Zielinski Yesenia Zielinski Yuliza Zielinski Yurledis Zielinski	11	12 Joseph Provenzano
13 Gary Kirchenbauer	14 Phoebe Bennett	15 Annmarie Heyse	16 Carole Zwingelberg	17	18	19 Noah Dearth Patricia Krueger
20	21	22	23 Morgan Blaseg	24 Jackson Baker Karen Siiman	25 Elleana Bremke	26 Breanna Acker
27 Lawrence Krueger Eric Miscuda	28	29 Irma Hill	30			

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April 2025

Events Calendar

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am LWML Meeting 5-7pm Walk-in Communion 6:30pm Board Meeting – Trail Life & American Heritage Girls	2 10am Bible Study 11:30am Worship 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Worship	3	4	5
6 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 11:45 Adult Instruction 1-2pm Communion	7 6-7:30pm Youth Confirmation 6:30-8pm Youth Group	8 5-7pm Walk-in Communion 7pm Elders	9 10am Bible Study 11:30am Worship 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Worship	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 11:45 Adult Instruction 1-2pm Communion	14 6-7:30pm Youth Confirmation 6:30-8pm Trail Life and American Heritage Girls	15 5-7pm Walk-in Communion 7pm Executive Board	16	17 Maundy Thursday 11:30am Worship 7:00pm Worship	18 Good Friday 11:30am Worship 7:00pm Worship	19 Easter Vigil 7:00pm Worship
20 EASTER SUNDAY 8am Worship 9:15am Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt 10:30am Worship 12pm No Communion	21 6-7:30pm Youth Confirmation 6:30-8pm Youth Group	22 5-7pm Walk-in Communion	23	24	25	26 9am
27 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 12-2pm Communion	28 6-7:30pm Youth Confirmation 6:30-8pm Trail Life and American Heritage Girls	29	30			