



St Paul Lutheran

VALLEY CITY, OHIO

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May 2025

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

Alleluia!

The celebration of Easter is the high-point of the Christian church-year. Everything we do and celebrate points to and flows from Jesus' death and resurrection. Something happening in the worship life of the congregation? Ask, "what does this have to do with Jesus' death and resurrection?" We could go so far as to look at EVERYTHING that we do as a congregation and ask, "What does this have to do with Jesus' death and resurrection?" Are we proclaiming it? Are we pointing our neighbors, friends, co-workers, and even ourselves to the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection? Yes? Well, then. Let's go!

All four of the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) have an account of the dramatic events of that first Easter Sunday morning. There was a lot of coming and going from the garden tomb where Jesus' body had been laid—but was no longer there! Even Jesus himself appears near the tomb. It can all be a little confusing to try and line everything up. I've prepared a chart that goes through the various appearances of Jesus after His resurrection, both immediately and in the weeks that followed. These are recorded in the Gospels, as well as 1 Corinthians 15 and the book of Acts. The important thing to remember is that each writer is writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and also from their own perspective. There are going to be differences in what each one records, but there aren't contradictions. Everything fits together to give us a picture of a very busy and emotional morning as the news begins to spread that Jesus was alive again and forever. From this we can have confidence that the eye-witness accounts of the resurrection are reliable and factual and given to us through God's Holy Word.

Easter is a special celebration for the church. Thank you to everyone who make our services so special this year with all their work. The music, bulletins, hymns, choirs, meals, flowers, cleaning, setting-up and taking-down all took many hands. How wonderful to be blessed with so many talented and serving people here in the Body of Christ at St. Paul! Thanks be to God!

Pastor Zielinski

Jesus' Post-Resurrection Appearances

Account	Recorded	Witnesses	Others Present	Timeframe	Location	Notes
First At the Tomb	Matthew 28:1-8	Mary Magdalene "The Other Mary"	An Angel of the Lord Guards	Sunday Morning	At the Tomb	Women and Guards witness the angel roll the stone away. Earthquake
First At the Tomb	Mark 16:1-8	Mary Magdalene Mary the mother of James Salome	Young man dressed in white	Sunday Morning	At the Tomb	They saw that the stone was rolled away.
First At the Tomb	Luke 24:1-12	"The Women who had come with him from Galilee" Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James "The other women with them"	Two men in dazzling apparel	Sunday Morning	At the Tomb	
First At the Tomb	John 20:1-2	Mary Magdalene		Sunday Morning	At the Tomb	Mary Magdalene came, saw, and went to get Peter and "The Other Disciple"
Peter and the "Other Disciple" arrive at the tomb	John 20:2-10	Peter "The Other Disciple" (John) Mary Magdalene		Later Sunday Morning	At the Tomb	

Account	Recorded	Witnesses	Others Present	Timeframe	Location	Notes
Just Peter Arrives at the tomb	Luke 24:12	Peter			At the Tomb	Saw and went home marveling Focuses on Peter but does not discount John and Mary being there too.
Mary Magdalene Sees Jesus	John 20:11-18 Mark 16:9-10	Mary Magdalene	Two Angels Jesus	After Peter and John go back home	At the Tomb	
Jesus appears to the women	Matthew 28:9-10	Mary Magdalene “The Other Mary”	Jesus	On their way back to the disciples	Between Tomb and Home	They took hold of his feet (as in John)
Road to Emmaus	Luke 24:13-35 Mark 16:12-13	Cleopas (Jn 19:25) his wife could have been with the earlier burial party Another Disciple	Jesus	“That very day”, nearing evening	On the Road to Emmaus	
Thomas Absent	John 20:19-23 Luke 24:36-43	The Disciples (minus Thomas) The two Emmaus disciples Others?	Jesus	Evening of that day	Somewhere with locked doors Acts 1:13 “The Upper Room where they were staying”	
The 11 while they ate	Mark 16:14-18	The Eleven	Jesus	“Afterward” Could be the same account of the Upper Room from Sunday night Also similar to Matthew 28 where Jesus commissions them		
Thomas Present	John 20:24-29	Thomas The Other Disciples	Jesus	Sunday Evening, one week later	Somewhere with locked doors Acts 1:13 “The Upper Room where they were staying”	
By the Sea of Tiberias	John 21:1-14	Peter, Thomas (the Twin), Nathanael of Cana, the Sons of Zebedee (James and John), two other of his disciples	Jesus	“After this”	Sea of Tiberias (Sea of Galilee)	
On the Road to Damascus	Acts 9:1-18 1Corinthians 15:8	Saul “Men travelling with him”	Jesus	After Pentecost After Stephen is stoned After the persecution has been going on	Road to Damascus	
To Cephas (Peter)	1st Corinthians 15:5	Cephas	Jesus	Unknown	Unknown	
Then to the 12	1st Corinthians 15:5	The Twelve	Jesus	Unknown	Unknown	
To 500 at one time	1st Corinthians 15:6	500 Brothers	Jesus	Unknown	Unknown	
To James	1st Corinthians 15:7	James (which?)	Jesus	Unknown	Unknown	
Then to all the apostles	1st Corinthians 15:7	All the Apostles (including Matthias?)	Jesus	Unknown	Unknown	
On a Mountain in Galilee	Matthew 28:16-20 Mark 16:14-18?	The Eleven	Jesus	No timeframe given	Mountain in Galilee	
Ascension	Acts 1:6-11 Luke 24:50-53	The Apostles (11)	Jesus two men in white robes	40 days after Easter	Mount of Olives	

From the Vicar's desk...

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 22:6

For parents May is an interesting time of the year. Our school age children will conclude their academic year and advance another grade level. Our high school seniors will graduate and head away from home for the first time, and our college seniors will conclude their specialized education and enter the workforce. Some of our children will head off to summer boot camp and begin serving in our nation's military forces. As we celebrate these accomplishments, we also pause and pray... hoping that we have prepared our children well enough for the journey ahead.

Because I am a parent myself, but also because I have the honor of discipling our youth, I share in those hopes and prayers. As our confirmands, who have been diligently studying Scripture and Confession, prepare to take their first Communion, I feel great happiness as I see them receive the sacrament. As our sons and daughters graduate high school, I feel pride in their accomplishments. I hope and I pray, because I wonder if I have done enough... That is humanity within me. That is the pastor who reads statistical data which tell us that less than half of those baptized into the faith will continue to confirmation, and less than half of those who are confirmed will continue in the faith into adulthood. This data shows that out of every four babies born and baptized into the LCMS, only two will make it to confirmation, and only one will remain in the church to adulthood. Fortunately for us, and the Church... Sanctification is the work of the Holy Spirit, and He is not subject to the statistical data of men. That does not mean however, that we should rest on our laurels.

In our vocation as parents, God has called us into His divine service to serve, love and educate our children, especially in matters of faith in Christ Jesus. Our vocation as parents includes not only providing for the physical needs of our children but also nurturing their spiritual growth and shaping their worldview. Parenthood is a unique and honored calling. Fortunately, parents, alongside Scripture, we have the Small and Large Catechism serve as our guide for instruction. My encouragement to all parents is to spend time, at least weekly, catechizing your children. If you are uncertain on how to go about this, please reach out to myself or Pastor Zielinski and we will guide you along in the process.

In our vocation as members of the Church and parishioners of St. Paul specifically, all of us each has a calling to serve God through living a life of faith in all areas of our lives. This includes in our own families, in our workplaces, in the community, and within the congregation itself. As members of the congregation, we are to model our Christian faith to the children around us. Parents, Godparents, Sponsors, and all members of the congregation promise during the rite of baptism, to help raise and guide the children in the Christian faith and to help them better understand the importance of the Gospel.

How do we as a congregation do these things? How do we carry out our vocation, our calling, to train up our children so that they do not depart from the faith? We serve our Lord in His Church. We volunteer our time and the skills we have been blessed with to teach Sunday School. We spend intentional time mentoring them in the Child of God program. We walk alongside them in programs like Trail Life USA and American Heritage Girls. We model for them the importance of attending divine worship. We catechize them. We pray for them. And for those of us who might be unable to do so, we contribute to those efforts in other ways... We do all these things, and we trust in the Holy Spirit to carry out and complete His work.

Confirmation classes. Sunday School. Youth Group. VBS. Scouting. All the youth programs we have at St. Paul are designed with one thing in mind... fulfilling the words of Proverbs 22:6 and carrying out the Great Commission of Christ, to baptize and make disciples. While I have been called into service at St. Paul specifically to minister to our youth, and I endeavor to give them my very best, it is my duty to remind all of our parents that discipleship begins at home. This statement is not made to disparage anyone but is a reminder only.

Family is a fundamental unit for nurturing the Christian faith, because there it is taught, practiced, and passed down through the generations. If you have already instituted these practices in your home, great! If you've not yet engaged your families in home Bible study and catechesis, there's never a bad time to get started. If you are uncertain of how to carry out the spiritual aspects of your vocations, I am happy to walk beside you, teach and encourage along the way. Regardless of where you are in this journey, I want to remind everyone at St. Paul that our congregation remains committed to raising and discipling our children to become faithful adults. For those who volunteer in service to our children, I give my sincerest thanks, as this endeavor does indeed "take a village."

One final note; this month I invite everyone to celebrate with our youth. On Sunday, May 4th, several of our students will recite their confirmation vows and receive their first communion. On Sunday, May 18th, during the early service, we will recognize our High School and College graduates. During the late service, we will recognize our scouts, who come not only from within our congregation, but from the community as well. Our continued engagement and encouragement with our children fosters a sense of belonging, and helps teach them the importance of their faith as they learn to navigate the world around them.

In His grip,
Rev. Streeper





CLEVELAND LUTHERAN VETERANS CLUB

In May, Cleveland Lutheran Veterans Club is sponsoring donations for homeless veterans in the Cleveland area. We are working with the Lutheran Metropolitan Men's Ministry in Cleveland. A collection box is in the Narthex for donations of disposable razors, shaving cream, skin care products, new bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, deodorants and socks. Both travel sizes and regular sizes are needed.

All items are appreciated and will be collected and delivered after Memorial Day to those in need.

MEMORIAL DAY

Volunteers are needed to place flags at the Lutheran Cemetery Association cemeteries. A Memorial Day Service will be conducted at Lutheran Cemetery.

Wednesday, May 21 at 0930, volunteers are needed at Lutheran Cemetery, 4566 Pearl Road in Cleveland to place flags on over 1,500 veterans' graves.

Thursday, May 22 at 0930 volunteers are needed at Hope Lutheran Cemetery, 2447 Center Road in Hinckley to place flags on over 600 veterans' graves.

Monday, May 26 at 0930, Memorial Day Service at Lutheran Cemetery 4566 Pearl Road in Cleveland. The service will be conducted by Rev. Jay Plummer (Capt. US Navy, Retired). Please bring your own lawn chairs.

For more information, the Cleveland cemetery office at 216-351-1308 or Hope Lutheran Cemetery in Hinckley at 330-225-7040.

OPERATION BARNABAS

The LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces supports all LCMS chaplains who serve on active duty, in the reserves, the National Guard, Civil Air Patrol, and Coast Guard Auxiliary. LCMS chaplains deliver Word and Sacrament ministry to our military personnel and their families.

The LCMS cares deeply for those who currently serve, for those who have donned the cloth of our nation in uniform, and for those who served our nation and live in our communities.

<https://www.lcms.org/ministry-to-the-armed-forces>



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:

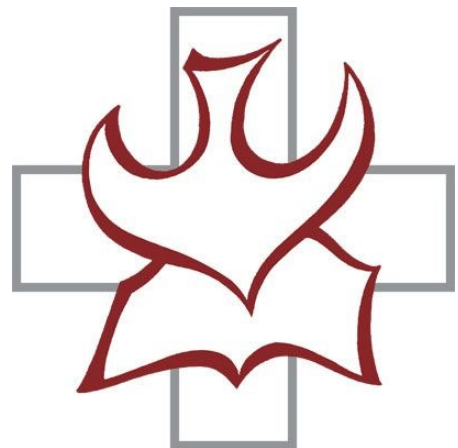
<https://witness.lcms.org/2024/the-divine-service-a-guide-booklet/>

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 4th is Confirmation Sunday at St. Paul. Welcome the new Confirmands between services in the Fellowship Hall.

Tremontae Beck

Sean Clark



May 2025

	SERVICE	May 4 SUNDAY	May 11 SUNDAY	May 18 SUNDAY Voter's Meeting		May 25 SUNDAY
		Communion	Communion	Communion		Communion
ELDER	8am	Tim Wadle/Steve Kato	Chris Duran/Steve Kato	Chris Duran / Tim Wadle		Chris Duran / Tim Wadle
	10:30am	Sam Jakabcic / Jim Jackson	Dave Hesketh / Jim Jackson	Dave Hesketh / Jim Jackson		Sam Jakabcic / Dave Hesketh
USHERS	8am	Mark Gordon	Mike Scahel	Scott Leu		Mark Gordon
	10:30am	Brian Dearth	Eric Gottl	Brian Dearth		Jeff Hill
GREETERS	8am	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	Dean & Beth Bremke	David & Mackenzie Duran		Steve & Colleen Kato
	10:30am	Rich & Jenny Proeschel	Steve Kato	Rich & Jenny Proeschel		Joe Benet
ELDER INFO	Stephen Kato 330-242-7183	Tim Wadle 216-214-7109	Jim Jackson 330-391-6393	Chris Duran 216-577-5164	Dave Hesketh 330-410-6150	Sam Jakabcic 216-789-1076

MUSIC MINISTRIES



Thanks to all who performed with our choir and handbell ensembles! We will take the spring and summer off and meet again in the fall.

Stay tuned for updates, and contact Sarah Moser if you are interested in joining in any of the music groups at St. Paul!



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When you choose to place your trust in Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), your decision has a measurable impact in carrying out Christ's mission. Join us in empowering His people to share the Gospel and equip yourself with the innovative tools you need to reach your financial goals.

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LCEF is dedicated to supporting LCMS ministries, including congregations, schools and Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs). We also serve church workers, both lay and Rostered Church Workers (RCWs), including ordained and commissioned individuals.

Extending innovative solutions and hand-in-hand financial stewardship to LCMS members, workers and ministries, LCEF is committed to meeting the current and future needs of the church and all her faithful followers.

For more information, visit lcef.org.



VBS 2025

July 7 - 11

9am - 11:30am

Sign up

Students and Volunteers at

spvc.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL & VBS



Our first VBS meeting included many volunteers! How wonderful this is!! The theme this year is an Epic Australian Adventure. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please see Beth Bremke there are always helpers needed for this fun filled week! Dates for VBS are July 7-11th. Both volunteers and students please register through our church website, spvc.org. The next meeting is June 29th after the second service to finalize all stations.

The Sunday School children are singing for the last time this year at both services on May 11th. Please have your child to the church by 8:40 meeting in the nursery room. The last day of SS is May 18th where the children will meet in the basement for a closing ceremony, snack and a movie.



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

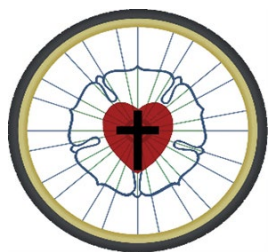


LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

www.lhm.org

As good stewards of the resources God provides, Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) works to be strategic in the allocation of those resources. The final broadcast of **The Lutheran Hour®** on WTAM 1110 AM was on April 27, 2025. To find other airings near you, check the broadcast guide at lhm.org/guide.

The Lutheran Hour is available today in many other ways beyond traditional radio. From the American Forces Network, Sirius XM satellite radio, lutheranhour.org, the Connected by LHM mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Spotify, iHeartRadio, YouTube, dialing in on your phone, and more, listeners can hear the weekly sermons whenever and wherever they are. For more information about Lutheran Hour Ministries, visit lhm.org.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CYCLING FRIENDS

Our season schedule is posted on the wall outside of Room 1 next to the LWML bulletin board. Dust off that bike and come join us. Bringing a friend could be a good way to introduce them to church and some of our members.

This year, we've had a couple of pop up last minute good weather rides and we've helped to start to develop the rest area across the street that is to be available to congregation members and the community. Cyclists frequent our area as well as walkers and joggers from the surrounding neighborhood. Journey Rest will provide them a place to pause, get a bit of rest, and learn more about our congregation once the information boards are installed. Our cycling group placed the picnic tables and the bike rack there the last Saturday in April or possibly another time depending on the unknown weather conditions at the time of this newsletter printing.

Join our Facebook group to keep up on any ride changes. See Walter Dill for details.

UPCOMING RIDES:

Saturday	May 10	9:00am	Bike & Hike Trail, Boston Mills Rd Trailhead
Saturday	May 24	9:00am	Towpath, Hunt House Trailhead, CVNP
Wednesday	May 28	6:00pm	NCIT, 265 S. Main St., Oberlin, Pavilion Lot

KIDS' TRAIL RIDE

As part of their fundraising event, Tour De Farms, the Cleveland Cycling Academy includes a free Kids' Trail Ride. It's for little kids and takes place on the all-purpose trail in Mill Stream Park where we have our annual Church Picnic. There's also bike decorating for the kids. Once they finish decorating their bike, the kids see how many laps they can do (up to 5). The event for the kids is Sunday, May 4th at 1pm. Children must be registered before taking part in the event and must wear helmets. Check the CCA website to see if registration is still possible for this year.

This is the 2nd Annual Tour De Farms for Cleveland Cycling Academy. Our Evangelism and Cycling Friends are involved. Some of us will be in our booth handing out decorating items to the kids and information for their parents while being ready to answer questions about coming to worship at St. Paul or being a part of our programs for children: Sunday School, Youth Group, VBS, American Heritage Girls, and Trail Life. St. Paul members will also be among the volunteers assisting with the kids' ride.



Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Upcoming Events

During the month of **May to the 25th** we will be collecting men's socks for Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry. Purchased socks may be placed in the designated military box.

Friday, May 9th 9am, all are welcomed to help Spring clean the kitchen area and refrigerator.

Tuesday, June 3rd 10am will be our next LWML meeting

Sunday, June 15th between services till 10am will be the Father's Day Ice Cream Social

July 13 thru July 27 we will be collecting items for Common Threads resale shop. Clean clothing, shoes, jewelry and purses will be accepted

Other events to look forward to and we welcome your participation so mark your calendar!

Tuesday, October 7th 10am LWML meeting

Sunday, October 12th LWML Sunday luncheon

Tuesday, November 4th 10am LWML meeting

Month of November The Oaks Family Care Center adopt-a-family, St. Paul Christmas tree ornament program

And Yes! **Sunday, December 7th**, our Christmas Tea Program

Many events and opportunities to share our love of Jesus to others and within our St. Paul congregation!

SPRING CLEANING & WORK DAY



Saturday, May 17th beginning at 8:00am. Many hands make light work! There will be many varied tasks for volunteers of all abilities to be able to work on both indoors and outdoors. Help us be good stewards of our blessings here at St. Paul and enjoy fellowship with other members at the same time.

All About LWML Mites

Use your mite box, which may be found at the LWML desk, 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 finishing up several quilts in progress. We will be taking some time off this Summer, resuming a regular schedule in September. We accept donations of cotton material, any size from a fat quarter to yards of cotton is always a blessing. Donations can be left on the table in the basement kitchen.

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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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.



SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH

GATES OPEN AT 6:00 PM

FIRST PITCH AT 7:05 PM

***COME ENJOY CRUSHERS
BASEBALL WITH A POST-
GAME FIREWORK SHOW!***

**HELP SUPPORT BY
PURCHASING TICKETS USING
THE QR CODE BELOW**



**Questions? Contact Jake Lorenzo at
jlorenzo@lakeeriecrushers.com**

CEMETERY DECORATIONS

Cemetery Decorations will be removed on May 17 during the spring cleanup day. Please remember that no permanent decorations or plantings are permitted and will be removed. If you need a copy of the cemetery regulations, please contact the church office.

EVANGELISM

We'll be at the Cleveland Cycling Academy Tour De Farms Kids' Trail Ride in Mill Stream Park in Valley City on May 4th at 1:00pm (Setting up at Noon-12:30 and handing out information and decorating items for the kids beginning at 12:30pm).

We just had a meeting where we made last minute preparations for the event above and also talked about the rest of the events in Valley City in which we will participate this year. You also should see the start of Journey Rest our trailhead, rest area, picnic spot across the street. This will develop over time but was rushed out to be ready to be seen ahead of the CCA event. If you are here to do something at church and bring a picnic lunch or want to take a rest, feel free to start using the area!

The events that the Evangelism committee will be involved with this year are the annual CCA Tour De Farms event already mentioned, the Valley City Frog Jump happening on July 20th in Mill Stream Park, the Valley City Fire Department Street Fair running from August 15th through the 17th, and Valley City's annual Christmas in the Valley on Saturday, December 13th and Sunday, December 14th.

There will be sign-ups for each of the remaining events and at least one Evangelism Committee meeting before each of the upcoming events. If you are interested in helping with any of the events, see Walter Dill. If we have new volunteers or general interest in how to be ready to talk about our church and our faith, Rev. Streeper will be more than happy to set up another session to learn about this aspect of our Christian life.

Our scouting groups, American Heritage Girls and Trail Life Troop 1377, have been asked to march in the Valley City Memorial Day Parade and also the Independence Day Parade.

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
Monday, May 26	Valley City Memorial Day Parade
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!



Valley City Fire Fighters Golf Outing *Monday June 23rd, 2025*

Golfers

- # 8:00 Registration ~ Lunch**
- # 9:00 18 Holes & Cart ~ Proximities ~ Skins**
- # 2:00 Dinner ~ Awards**

Dinner only Guests

- * 1:30 Doors Open ~ Beverages**
- * 2:00 Dinner ~ Music ~ Raffles**

***\$135per golfer or \$40 for dinner only if paid by June 16th
\$150 and \$45 (dinner only) after June 16th
Register online***

<https://birdease.com/ValleyCityFF2025>

***or make checks payable to Bunker Hill Golf Course and
memo Valley City Fire Fighters***

Mail to 3060 Pearl Rd., Medina OH 44256

Contact Chad Gibson: text 216-469-9241 or

chad@bunkerhillgc.com with questions



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

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

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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13218 Prescott Lane
Strongsville, OH 44136
440-477-6769

MURAWSKI, Rev. Dennis

MURAWSKI, Susan

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Medina, OH 44256
330-388-1781

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Medina, OH 44256
330-723-3365

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5236 Creekside, Unit E-18
Brunswick, OH 44212
216-387-8056

SCHULTZ, Bill

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

WALTER, Bev

2756 Station Road
Medina, OH 44256
330-723-1020

WIESEMANN, Scott

WIESEMANN, Joann

575 Simons Drive
Brunswick, OH 44212
330-225-7381

HELDMAN, Sandy

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
Strongsville, OH 44136
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

BUVINGHAUSEN,

Rev. Garrett & Emilia

Bethany Lutheran Church

231 E. Hamilton Street
Wellington, OH 44090

12762 Baird Road
Oberlin, Oh 44074

MONDAY, Rev. Dakota

St. Paul Lutheran Church

3253 Niagara Carthage Rd.,
Whispering Pines, NC,
28327-7111

2025 ST. PAUL OFFICERS & KEY PEOPLE

Updated 1-2025

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PASTORAL ASSISTANT.....Rev. Chris Streeper
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LWML

President.....Rotating
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MUSIC MINISTRY

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Adam Criswell (Head).....216.399.1390
Kyle Bremke.....440.309.0227
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CAMPUS SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tom Hadaway.....440.458.0577
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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR.....Walter Dill
330.483.3883.....walter.dill@spvc.org

LIVESTREAM MINISTRY

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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
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

BAPTISMAL BANNERS Tammy Rhodes....440.476.0684

CARD MINISTRY...Joyce Ellenberger & Carol Hesketh

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (Sunday School, VBS)

Beth Bremke.....440.669.3180

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

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SECURITY SYSTEM: (Safe Harbor Security & Fire)

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 Elizabeth Zacharias	3 Joben Cox
4 Jennifer Proeschel	5 Candi Miscuda	6	7 Gabrielle Haddad	8	9	10 Nate Hibler Sam Jakabcic Linda Steingass
11 Marvin Hibler James Murawski	12 Pam Rasschaert Vivian Rauhaus	13	14 Justin Adams Jeff Bailey	15 Jenny Knopf	16 Patricia Krueger Sarah Moser	17 Jeannie Miscuda Brayden Piroli Michael Scahel Joanna Sherry
18	19 Chase Ehrman	20 Larry Klooz	21 Audrey Harris Tina Nash	22 Declan Herbert	23 Gary Horton	24 Scott Wiesemann
25 Lucinda Hawke Jeanette Rafter	26 Mark Gordon	27 Hallana Beck Christopher Becker Michelle Murawski	28 Ray Miller Veronica Winterstein	29	30 Sandy Heldman	31

Wedding Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Rob and Elizabeth Zacharias, 43	2	3
4	5 Branko and 'Charlie' Djordjevic, 24 Dave and Judy Renz, 58	6	7 Scott and Mindy Klooz, 4	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Christian and Melissa Huelsman, 8	21	22	23 Gary and Denice Horton, 44 Sam and Peggy Jakabcic, 33	24 Garrett and Emilia Buvinghausen, 6
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 David Holland Jeremy Horton Jesse Horton Candi Miscuda Alan Smith	2 Jeff Hill	3 Walter Dill
4	5	6	7 Danielle LaChance	8	9 Simon Moser Chris Schnurr	10 Jerelyn Bosela Corrinne Palmer
11 Savannah Miscuda	12	13 Adeline Burchfield	14	15	16	17
18 Stacie Knirsch	19	20 Paige Bowman Patricia Bowman	21 Kyle Bremke	22 Jerome Duran Ava Piroli Elizabeth Zacharias	23 Laura Provenzano Tereasa Rankin	24
25	26 Pam McGuire	27 Joseph Holland James Murawski Deb Weigel	28 Mark Ross	29 Jack Gordon	30 Susan Adams Andrew Hibler Penelope Huelsman Michelle Scabel Sarah Scheiman	31

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May 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	2	3
Confirmation 4 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 12-2pm Communion 1pm Kid's Trail Ride	5 7pm Campus Safety	6 5-7pm Walk-in Communion 6:30pm Board Meeting – Trail Life & American Heritage Girls	7 10am Bible Study	8	9 9am Kitchen cleanup	10
Mother's Day 11 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 12-2pm Communion	12 6:30-8pm Trail Life and American Heritage Girls	13 5-7pm Walk-in Communion 7pm Elders	14	15	16	17 8:00am Spring Cleanup & Work Day
18 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 12-2pm Communion	19	20 5-7pm Walk-in Communion 7pm Executive Board	21	22	23	24 9am
25 8am Worship 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 12-2pm Communion	26 6:30-8pm Trail Life and American Heritage Girls	27 5-7pm Walk-in Communion	28	Ascension Day 29 Luke 24:44-53 Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:15-23	30	31