



St Paul Lutheran

VALLEY CITY, OHIO

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MARCH / APRIL 2024

BE GRACIOUS TO ME

PSALM 41

No Old Testament saint attests to God's grace quite like King David. Raised from the sheepfold to the throne of the house of Israel; raised again (and again, and again) from sin: pride, murder, adultery, and despising of God; lifted clear of the snare of the wicked (Psalm 119:110), of the pit (Psalm 30:3), of the very gates of death (Psalm 9:13); with no merit or worthiness in himself, David was continually raised up by God's grace and favor.

God's grace wells up in Psalm 41, where David exults in divine mercy amid his own weakness, powerful enemies, and treacherous friends. In this psalm, David tracks the flow of divine grace back to its source at the cross and, with prophetic vision, finds it springing forth in the lives of all baptized believers—including you.

How has God's grace raised you? If you haven't been set on a royal throne or made ruler over a great people, maybe you've seen improvements in your finances or employment. Or perhaps family strife has been quieted. Or maybe a compassionate helper or valuable ally has entered the picture at just the right moment. Have you shaken off a bad illness, a bad habit, or a bad influence? If so, rejoice and thank God for His grace and favor!

But if you feel like you're sinking instead of rising, what then? Is there any comfort for the saint of God who looks around to find that "the waters have come up to my neck" (Psalm 69:1)? David knows that saint's fortunes because they are his as well:

In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;

the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;

he is called blessed in the land;

You do not give him up to the will of his enemies. (Psalm 41:1–2)

You have a sure hope! Therefore, do not look for hope in your experiences or your emotions, which will portray for you the same bleak scene that David captures in Psalm 41:

* My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die, and his name perish?" (v. 5)

* When one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while His heart gathers iniquity.

(v. 6)

* Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me. (v. 9)

Faith offers a better vision: despite all that binds and bruises and bleeds you, God *will* raise you up. He has raised you already! In Holy Baptism, God has “raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:6). If you are *in Christ*, how can you sink? How can you fall?

Lent is the ideal time to meditate on David’s ordeals and your secure position in Christ. Psalm 41 provides the ideal guide to your meditation. If the laments of Psalm 41 call to mind your numerous difficulties and need for deliverance, they depict even more clearly the work by which your deliverance has been won.

David “prophesied about the grace that was to be yours” and “searched and inquired carefully” concerning your salvation (1 Peter 1:10). And that salvation is this: the Son of David, by grace, “might taste death for everyone” (Hebrews 2:9).

Are the scheming enemies of Psalm 41:5 not the foes of Christ, who is sustained on His sickbed (v. 3) but the one by whose wounds you are healed (Isaiah 53:5)? Even the close friend of our Lord has lifted his heel against Him (Psalm 41:9). God be praised, all these sufferings are yours too! Or “do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death” (Romans 6:3)?

Because you are in Christ, you share in all things with Him, even the prophetic Word. David’s vision in Psalm 41 has become your reality in Christ. In the day of trouble, the Lord delivers you; the Lord protects you and keeps you alive; you are called blessed in the land (see Psalm 41:1–2). Press on to know the Lord’s suffering, death, and Word. As surely as the Lenten journey ascends to the victory of Easter, you shall be raised up.

Continue to gather on Wednesdays for Lenten worship and fellowship. During Holy Week, walk through our Lord’s Passion on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. On Holy Saturday, gather for the Easter Vigil and rejoice in the anticipation of our Lord’s Resurrection as we hear from God’s Word His prophecies and promises of resurrection because we are baptized into Christ. Gathering as the people of God, we rejoice that God indeed will be gracious to us.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rev. Zielinski".

Rev. Zielinski

Special Voters' Meeting:

Sunday, March 10, 9:20am

Re: Congregation's Consideration of the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program

Beloved of the Lord,

On Sunday, March 10 we will gather to consider our path forward with respect to the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) program for Rev. Streeper. Hopefully you've been able to attend one of the informational meetings that were held this past month and you feel prepared to consider what is next.

The Sunday, February 25 information session will be available as streamed on our YouTube channel and Facebook feed. Search for "St. Paul, Valley City".

Your Elders, the Executive Board, Pastor Zielinski, and Rev. Streeper are all available to you leading up to the Voters' Meeting and will be present during the meeting for your questions and discussion.

During the meeting we will consider the following:

- I. Commit to sponsoring Rev. Streeper in the SMP Program
 - A. Commit to hosting him for two years of Vicarage
 - B. Commit to calling him as Associate Pastor upon approval for LCMS roster status
 - C. Set the goal to provide 100% scholarship of SMP Program cost of attendance
 1. 50% through budgeted dollars
 2. 50% raised through individual contributions and other funding
- II. Create "SMP Scholarship Fund" for members to contribute directly to the remaining SMP cost of attendance each year. Terms similar to previous seminary scholarship funds.
- III. Amend the 2024 budget: \$26,490
 - A. \$20,000 for July – December salary
 - B. \$2,500 – scholarship 50% of remaining 2024 SMP cost of attendance (redirect current seminary student adoption funds)
 - C. \$1,000 Milage
 - D. \$1,530 Taxes
 - E. \$1,460 Benefits required by Concordia Plans (retirement and disability insurance)
- IV. In the 2025 Budget: \$54,440 (estimate)
 - A. \$40,000 for salary
 - B. \$2,000 for mileage allowance
 - C. Scholarship
 1. Budget \$5,000 for 50% scholarship of SMP Cost of Attendance
 2. Additional scholarship funds as received
 - D. \$3,060 FICA Taxes
 - E. \$4,380 Concordia Retirement and Disability Insurance (estimate)
- V. Set a goal to achieve Associate Pastor compensation for salary (currently, approximately \$60,000 plus benefits such as a pension and disability insurance; he does not require health insurance)

FROM THE PASTORAL ASSISTANT'S DESK

St. Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus speaks about spiritual warfare and how the Christian can defend against the schemes of the devil by donning the whole armor of God. The belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, as shoes ... the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit ... which is the Word of God. In this passage Paul reminds the Christian that while we wrestle against our flesh, we are also engaged in a spiritual war that is being fought between Heaven and Hell.

When it comes to this spiritual warfare, we cannot be sufficiently strong by ourselves. If we are going to have adequate strength for the spiritual battles in life, it must be the Lord's strength, because only He has the mighty power sufficient to win spiritual battles against a demonic enemy. Paul says in Ephesians, the way we are to stay strong in the Lord is to put on the full armor of God, to remain vigilant and alert, and to pray at all times in the Spirit.

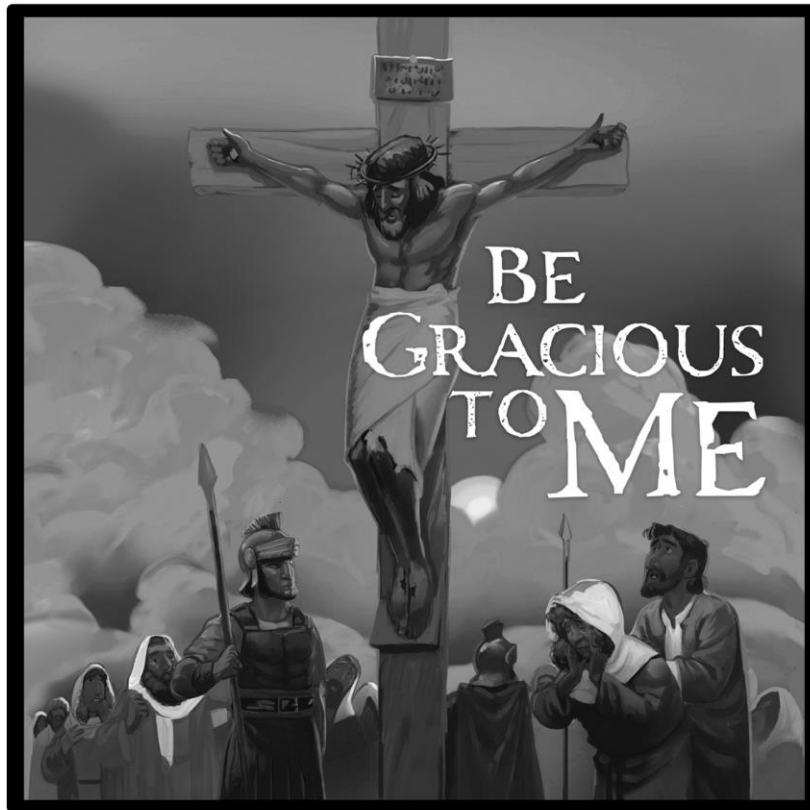
Any veteran of the military will tell you that the weapons and armor they use for battle are only useful if they are properly maintained. Shoes that have worn through the soles will not protect your feet. A breastplate that has rusted through, or a helmet that does not fit, will not protect your body. A sword that is not carried into battle or has not been practiced with, will do the warrior no good when they come face to face with the enemy. This is why warriors train with, and schedule regular maintenance on, their weapons of warfare. The season of Lent is a good time for us to reflect on the condition of our armor and as well as the condition of our faith.

The origins of Lent can be traced back to the early Christian church when it was common for new believers to prepare for baptism through a period of fasting and reflection. Today Lent is important because it provides a dedicated time for reflection and renewal. During this period, many Christians choose to fast, make sacrifices, engage in acts of charity and service, and deepen their spiritual lives through prayer and Bible study. I am of the personal belief that these last two, prayer and devotion, are the most important spiritual disciplines the Christian can engage in during this time ... and throughout the course of their lives.

Taking time to pray and meditate can help deepen your spiritual life and bring you closer to God. This can involve setting aside time each day for quiet reflection and prayer, joining a local prayer group, or arriving at church earlier to allow yourself time for prayer and contemplation prior to receiving the service of the Word and Sacrament. Studying the Bible is important because it helps to deepen our understanding of God's word and the teachings of Jesus. Through this process, we can gain a deeper appreciation for the sacrifice that He made for us and come to know Him better. One can attend weekly Bible studies led by Pastor Zielinski and myself, study together with a small group, or read through the daily Lenten devotional published by the synod. The important thing is not how we go about prayer and devotion, but that we remain in them daily.

By ourselves, we are certainly no match for the spiritual weapons of the enemy, but in Ephesians we are taught that if we put on the full armor of God, we are able to stand against the schemes of the devil, and He will flee from us. By the grace found in the victory of Christ Jesus on the cross, we may stand firm against Satan, victorious in the spiritual battle which rages. Amen.

~Rev. Streeper



WORSHIP FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday, February 14

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)

March 28, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Good Friday

March 29, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Wednesdays in Lent

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

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

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30, 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY: MARCH 31

8am & 10:30am - Festival Divine Service

9:15am Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt

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A Lenten Guide to Fasting & Devotion

by Rev. C.W. Streeper

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church; Valley City, OH

I have been practicing the spiritual discipline of fasting for a very long time. While there are not legal commands given in Scripture for Christians to fast, and God does not require or demand it, the Bible does present fasting that as a practice that is good, profitable, and beneficial. As the season of Lent approaches each year, I am often asked about fasting, as this is the time most Christians associate with the practice. As such, I thought it might be beneficial to share with the congregation some information about fasting and devotion, specifically what Scripture says about the subjects, but also some of my own thoughts. It is my sincere hope that this resource serves to strengthen you in your faith and practice.

~Rev. Streeper

Q: What is Lent and why is it significant?

A: The season of Lent is a period of the Church year which has been observed by most Christian denominations for over one thousand years. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday.

Early in the Church's history, the major events in Christ's life (His birth, baptism, death, resurrection, and ascension) were marked by special observances, feasts, and festivals. As these observances developed, a period of time was generally set aside prior to the major events as a time of preparation. This is how the Church calendar developed to include the various seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.

During the season of Lent, the Church's worship assumes a more penitential character. The color for the season is violet, which symbolizes penitence. Hymns of praise are often omitted from the liturgy, as well as the use of the word "Alleluia," which is a joyful expression which means "Praise the Lord!" This is done to set apart Lent as a distinct time from the rest of the Church year, different from other seasons and celebrations.

The season of Lent serves as both a time to meditate on the suffering that Christ endured on our behalf as well as a time to reflect on our own Baptism and what it means to live as a Child of God. Lent, due to its unique nature, has become a period of fasting and contemplation.

Q: What is Ash Wednesday and what is the significance of receiving ashes?

A: Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Traditionally, it is a solemn day which serves to remind us of our human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God. Although not a requirement, many faithful Christians receive the imposition of ashes on their foreheads from clergy. The ashes serve as a *memento mori* (a Latin phrase meaning "remember you must die.") and are often accompanied with some variation of the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." If they are applied during an act of kneeling, the very posture of defeat and submission expresses humility before God.

Ash Wednesday finds its root several Old Testament passages in which the subject prayerfully seeks out the Lord, making pleas of mercy and through fasting, and the wearing of sackcloth and ashes. The ashes symbolize dust-to-dustness and remind worshipers of the need for cleansing, scrubbing, and purifying. The ancient act of receiving the imposition of ashes is a gesture of repentance and a powerful reminder about the meaning of the day. The use of ashes on Ash Wednesday is a more recent custom among most LCMS congregations, although some have done it for decades.

Q: What is fasting and why do some Christians practice it?

A: There are a variety of spiritual disciplines, which when practiced, can help to deepen, and strengthen one's faith. Fasting is a spiritual discipline which involves prayer, devotion, moderation, and self-denial.

The spiritual discipline of fasting is abstinence from physical nourishment for the purpose of spiritual sustenance. This difficult discipline requires practice before it can be effective since it is not natural for us to pursue self-denial. There are different methods and degrees of fasting, but all of them promote self-control and reveal the degree to which we are ruled by our bodily appetites. Fasting can also consist of abstinence from other things that can control us, such as television and other forms of entertainment.

Scripture does not command Christians to fast. God does not require or demand it of Christians. At the same time, the Bible does present fasting as something that is good, profitable, and beneficial.

Q: Are Christians required to fast during the season of Lent?

A: No. There is no Biblical requirement or command that a Christian must fast during the season of Lent, or any other time for that matter.

The practice of fasting during Lent began as a way for Roman Catholics to remind themselves of the value of repentance, however, over the centuries Lenten observances have developed to hold a more "sacramental" value. Today many Catholics believe that giving something up for Lent is a way to attain God's blessing. But the Bible teaches that grace cannot be earned; grace is "the gift of righteousness." It is important to remember that the spiritual disciplines of the faith are never ends in themselves, meaning they cannot earn any merit or favor, but they can assist the practitioner in better knowing, loving, and trusting God, thus deepening their faith.

**Lent is not so much a time of "giving things up" as it is a time
for adding things that increase our awareness of God's mercy in Christ Jesus.**

Q: What is the Lutheran position on fasting during Lent?

A: From the perspective of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, "giving something up for Lent" is entirely a matter of Christian freedom. It would be wrong, from our perspective, for the church to make some sort of "law" requiring its members to "give something up for Lent," since the Scriptures themselves do not require this.

If, on the other hand, a Christian wants to give something up for Lent as a way of remembering and personalizing the great sacrifice that Christ made on the cross for our sins, then that Christian is certainly free to do so — as long as he or she does not "judge" or "look down on" other Christians who do not choose to do this.

Something to consider:

The purpose of a biblical fast is to gain deeper fellowship with God. Although fasting in Scripture almost always involves fasting from food, there are other ways to fast. Anything "given up" temporarily in order to focus all our attention on God can be considered a fast. It is important however, to remember to replace whatever was "given up" with something spiritual, i.e., prayer, meditation, devotion, or scripture reading.

Fasting can be a good thing, and God is pleased when we repent of sinful habits. The key in fasting is to focus on repentance and drawing oneself closer to God, not on punishing our flesh. If a Christian wishes to fast during Lent, they are free to do so. Repenting of sin, however, can be done every day of the year, not just during the season of Lent. Regardless of whether a Christian chooses to fast during Lent or not, we should remain mindful that God's love for us could not be any greater than it already is.

Suggested Biblical Reading About Fasting

Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. (Daniel 9:3)

And in every province, wherever the king's command and his decree reached, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and many of them lay in sackcloth and ashes. (Esther 4:3)

Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. (Nehemiah 9:1)

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; (Joel 2:12)

“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. (Matthew 6:16)



What does Luther say?

Reading Luther's works can help us keep things in the proper theological perspective. The Small Catechism regards fasting and bodily preparation for the Lord's Supper as "fine and good training." Here's a great little excerpt from Luther's "Concerning Christian Liberty."

And now let us turn to the other part, to the outward man. Here we shall give an answer to all those who, taking offence at the word of faith and at what I have asserted, say: "If faith does everything, and by itself suffices for justification, why then are good works commanded? Are we then to take our ease and do no works, content with faith?" Not so, impious man, I reply; not so. That would indeed really be the case, if we were thoroughly and completely inner and spiritual persons; but that will not happen until the last day, when the dead shall be raised. **As long as we live in the flesh, we are but beginning and making advances in that which shall be completed in a future life.** On this account the Apostle calls that which we have in this life, the "first-fruits of the Spirit" (Romans 8:23). In the future we shall have the tenths, and the fullness of the Spirit. To this part belongs the fact I have stated before, that the Christian is the servant of all and subject to all. **For in that part in which he is free, he does no works, but in that in which he is a servant, he does all works.** Let us see on what principle this is so.

[Christian Works Toward His Own Body]

Although, as I have said, inwardly, and according to the spirit, a man is amply enough justified by faith, having all that he requires to have, except that this very faith and abundance ought to increase from day to day, even till the future life; still he remains in this mortal life upon earth, in which it is necessary that he should rule his own body, and have dealings with men. Here then works begin; here he must not take his ease; here he must give heed to exercise his body by fastings,

watchings, labor, and other moderate discipline, so that (1) it may be subdued to the spirit, and (2) obey and conform itself to the inner man and faith, and (3) not rebel against them nor hinder them, as is its nature to do if it is not kept under control. For the inner man, being conformed to God, and created after the image of God through faith, rejoices and delights itself in Christ, in whom such blessings have been conferred on it; and hence has only this task before it, to serve God with joy and in free love without constraint.

In doing this he offends that contrary will in his own flesh, which is striving to serve the world, and to seek its own gratification. This the spirit of faith cannot and will not bear [the flesh]; but applies itself with cheerfulness and zeal to keep it down and restrain it; as Paul says: “I delight in the law of God after the inward man; but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin” (Romans 7:22-23). And again: “I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway” (1 Corinthians 9:27). And: “They that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts” (Galatians 5:24).

These works, however, must not be done with any notion that by them a man can be justified before God—for faith, which alone is righteousness before God, will not bear with this false notion—but solely with this purpose, **that the body may be brought into subjection, and be purified from its evil lusts, so that our eyes may be turned only to purging away those lusts. For when the soul has been cleansed by faith and made to love God, it would have all things to be cleansed in like manner; and especially in its own body, so that all things might unite with it in the love and praise of God.** Thus it comes that from the requirements of his own body a man cannot take his ease, but is compelled on its account to do many good works, that he may bring it into subjection. Yet these works are not the means of his justification before God, he does them out of disinterested love to the service of God; looking to no other end than to do what is well-pleasing to Him whom he desires to obey dutifully in all things.

On this principle every man may easily instruct himself in what measure, and with what distinctions, he ought to chasten his own body. **He will fast, watch, and labor, just as much as he sees to suffice for keeping down the wantonness and concupiscence of the body.** But those who pretend to be justified by works are looking, not to the mortification of their lusts, but only to the works themselves; thinking that, if they can accomplish as many works and as great ones as possible, all is well with them, and they are justified. Sometimes they even injure their brain, and extinguish nature, or at least make it useless. This is enormous folly, and ignorance of Christian life and faith, when a man seeks, without faith, to be justified and saved by works.



*We are not fasting and mortifying the flesh to earn God’s love;
we have that already in Christ.*

Our works of sacrifice and love are the fruits of repentance.

~Martin Luther; Concerning Christian Liberty





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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.

VALLEY CITY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 3rd and 10th

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

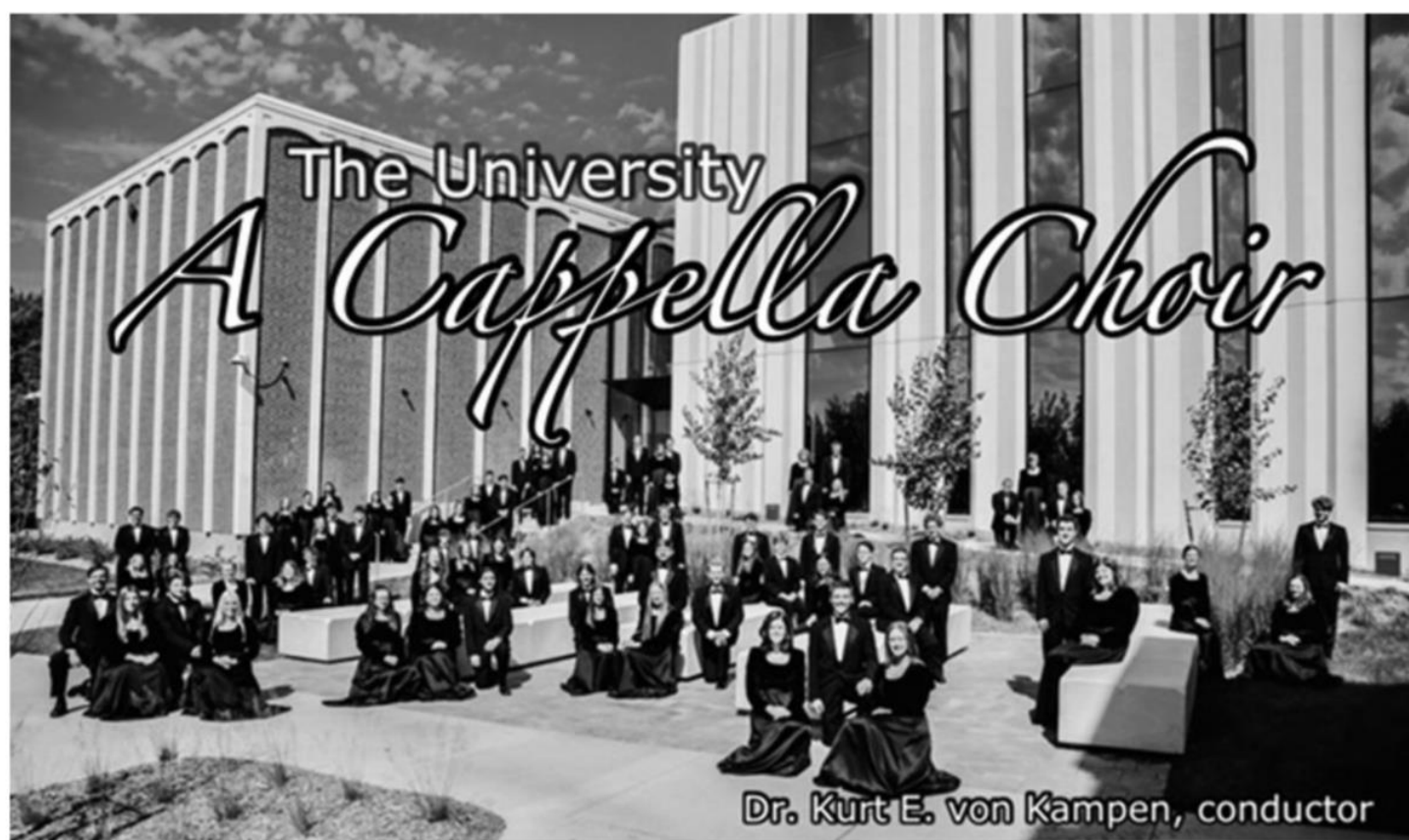


MENU

Plain & Blueberry Pancakes
Sausage Links
Scrambled Eggs
Fruit
Juice, Milk & Coffee

PRICES

Adults: \$12
Seniors/Veterans: \$9
Under 13: \$8
Under 3: FREE
Family Max: \$40



FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

7707 Market Ave N.

Canton, OH 44721

7:00 PM Concert

Concordia University's A Cappella Choir has been performing concerts and joining congregations in worship for over 86 years. One of the United States' oldest touring Lutheran collegiate choirs, the University A Cappella Choir has performed throughout the U.S., and internationally in Greece, Italy, France, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, India, Thailand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, the Philippines, Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Latvia, Austria, Spain, Mexico, South Africa, and Australia.

The 72-voice choir is chosen by audition and is comprised of majors from most academic disciplines, representing many states and some foreign countries. Over 180 students audition each fall for the internationally renowned concert choir. The choir has been invited to perform for NMEA and ACDA conferences, and international competitions. They received the Gold Medal for performance at the 12th *Australian International Music Festival* in Sydney and earned a spot in the winner's circle at the 42nd *International Choral Competition* in Spittal, Austria.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Don't forget to spring forward and turn those clocks ahead on Saturday, March 9th.

LENTEN MEALS

We will continue in the Lent season to gather in the Fellowship Hall for Soup Supper meals at 6:00 PM before the Evening Midweek Lent Worship services. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center to bring your favorite dish. Thank you!

EASTER BREAKFAST

On Easter Sunday, March 31st between services we are yet again excited to break food together in honor of Jesus our Risen Lord & Savior! Please sign-up at the Welcome Center to bring your favorite Pashcal dish or dessert. Thank you!

CPR TRAINING

For adults only. This CPR Training will be held on Saturday, March 23rd from 8:30am - 1pm. The cost is \$55.00 each and there can be 20 in the class. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center by March 3rd. Questions? Please reach out to Beth Bremke.

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. See Beth Bremke if you would like to be acclimated to the use of these supplies.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

If you're an eligible member, please consider directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Valley City, OH. **2023 Choice Dollars expire March 31, 2024**, so it's use it or lose it. You may learn more by visiting: www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or by calling Thrivent at: 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice." Thank you for helping to support the mission of St. Paul Church.

MARCH 2024

	SERVICE	March 3 SUNDAY Communion	March 6 Wednesday Lent Service	March 10 SUNDAY Communion	March 13 Wednesday Lent Service	March 17 SUNDAY Communion	March 20 Wednesday Lent Service	March 24 SUNDAY Palm Sunday Communion	March 28 Thursday Maundy Thursday Communion	March 29 Friday Good Friday	March 30 Saturday Easter Vigil	March 31 SUNDAY EASTER Communion
ELDER	8am	C. Duran/S. Kato	Jim Jackson	T. Wadle/ S. Kato	Chris Duran	T. Wadle/C. Duran	Sam Jakabcic	T. Wadle/ S. Kato	All Elders	All Elders	Chris Duran	All Elders
	10:30am	J. Jackson/S. Jakabcic		D. Hesketh/J. Jackson		J. Jackson/S. Jakabcic		D. Hesketh/S. Jakabcic				
USHERS	8am	Jim Sherry		Mike Scabel		Mark Gordon		Jim Sherry				
	10:30am	Brian Dearth	N/A	Erich Gottl	N/A	Rich Proeschel	N/A	Joe Bennett	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
GREETERS	8am	H. & I. Cordes		D. & M. Duran		D. & B. Bremke		Pam McGuire				
	10:30am	Barb Pjior		R. & J. Proeschel		Joe Bennett		Barb Pjior				
ELDER INFO	Stephen Kato 330-242-7183	Tim Wadle 216-214-7109	Jim Jackson 330-391-6393	Sam Jakabcic 216-789-1076	Chris Duran 216-577-5164	David Hesketh 330-410-6150						



St. Patricks Day Theme Potluck

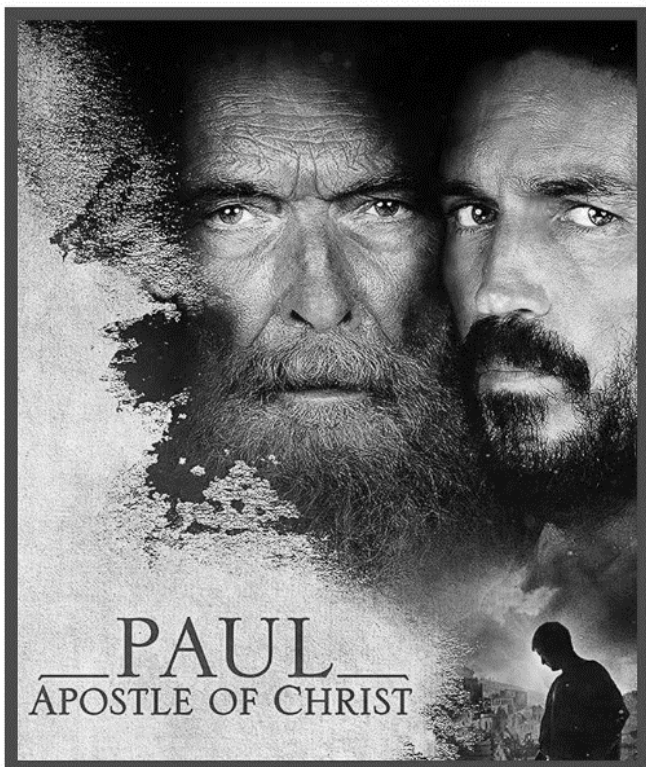
**Rev. Streeper will be
making corned beef.**

Men, please bring side dishes & drinks



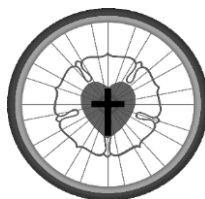
***Men's Movie
& Game Night***
Mar 15th 6:00pm
Church Fellowship Hall

***BRING YOUR BIBLES YOUR
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CARD GAMES + FOOD...***

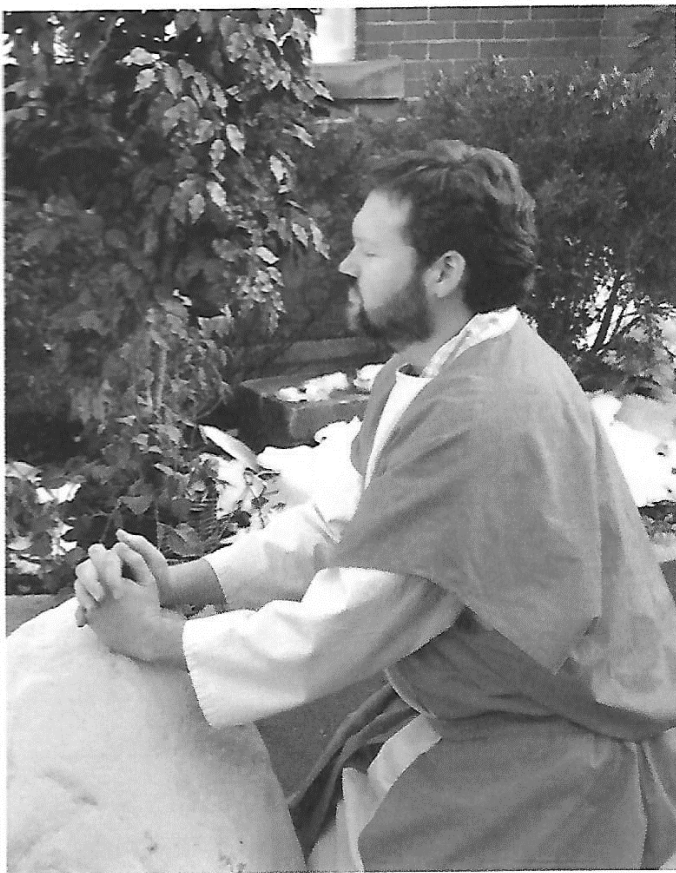


ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CYCLING FRIENDS

Hello Cycling Friends and those thinking about joining our group. The official season begins next month. We ride recreationally on predominantly nice flat scenic quiet bike paths for about 14 to 20 miles. They are out and back rides so you can shorten them as you please. There's opportunity for fellowship before, during, and after rides. We sometimes pause for sights, pictures, coffee, and donuts or other treats. We ride when the weather is nice and schedule about 2 rides per month. Our first official ride for 2024 will be April 13th at 9:30am at 120 Brooklyn Ave, Creston, OH 44217; The County Line Trail to Rittman and back. Ask Walter Dill for any further information.



Fourteenth Annual
Passion Walk
Sat. March 23 & Sun. March 24
Runs continuously
6:15 - 8:00 p.m.



Visit a Jerusalem marketplace

*Be present at the table at
the Last Supper*

*Hear Jesus praying in the
Garden of Gethsemane*

Witness Peter's denial

*Watch Jesus' trial before
the court of Pilate*

*Listen to Jesus' last words
from the cross*

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IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Join us Sunday Mornings: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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.

RECYCLE WORSHIP BULLETINS

You're encouraged to take home your worship bulletins; use the scriptures, hymns & prayers for your own devotions. Please use the blue recycle tub that's located in the hallway as you leave the sanctuary to **ONLY** place **bulletins (including Large Print as we do recycle the black combs)** and the unused attendance slips. Thank you.

GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Are you doing your part? This is perfect time of the year to pay attention on how you are being a good steward of your church here at St. Paul. With colds, flu and covid, we ask that you please tidy up all your personal spaces in this season including worship folders.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

Join in on Sunday mornings between services at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. If you are viewing from home, watch live or on-demand just like our worship services (YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org).

CHURCH ONLINE

at spvc.org

Online services are available to view LIVE at 8am on Sundays, or on-demand. Visit www.spvc.org - for the most recent service (when active), on the homepage is a viewer for the livestream. 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.

PRAYER CHAIN on FLOCKNOTE

If you have a Prayer Request, Praise or Update please visit:
www.spvc.org > Prayer ... or... send an email to: prayer@spvc.org

ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir will continue to practice here at St. Paul Church on Wednesday evenings before the Lenten Meals. If you are new to St. Paul and are looking for a way to serve or get involved, please prayerfully consider using your gift of voice to join in! Contact Sarah Moser. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Sarah Moser: cell: 440-453-0180, email: sarah9moser@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING is going great! Pastor Streeper is giving fun object lessons while Lynn Gordon, Audrey Harris, and Sarah Moser are teaching songs. These songs will be sung on selected Sundays: March 24th, April 28th & June 19th.

EGG HUNT will be on Easter Sunday, March 31st for the Sunday School children between services. Accepted Easter Egg Donations: Individually wrapped candy, coins & small trinkets to fit into plastic eggs. **Please - NO nuts / peanut / peanut butter candies.** You may place your donations in the lidded container by the welcome center. Thank you!

CHILD OF GOD PROGRAM We are excited to start this program here at St. Paul this coming April and it is in the beginning stages. This program is designed to nurture the spiritual lives of children and connecting young people and adults in the congregation. Children in the third grade will have an adult who is willing to engage with them for a year. These adults will pray for and engage with that child. They can discover the child's interests, birth date, baptism date and other general information about the child and their family. If you are interested in being active with this program, or just want to know more about it, please sign-up by March 10th at the Welcome Center that is entitled "Child of God." An informational meeting will be scheduled to let you know the role you will have with the child and their family once we have a list of possible partners. Thank you for your interest!

2024 VBS is scheduled for June 17-21, 2024. Teachers, kitchen helpers, and youth are needed! Please consider this calling and see Beth Bremke if you have any questions.

UPCOMING Please watch the bulletins for further announcements. Also, we would still love more teachers! If you are interested contact Pastor Zielinski, or Beth Bremke. Thank you.

ST. PAUL YOUTH GROUP

For grades 6-12 please join us every other Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Pastor Chris Streeper at: 330-441-0502

TRAIL LIFE USA

This outreach is geared for families with boys in K-5th grade. This is a Christian ecumenical alternative to the Boy Scouts. To learn more about this, please contact Pastor Streeper.

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Join us on Thursdays as we meet in the church basement from 11am-1pm for light lunch and playtime for kids! (Please bring your own lunch.) Kids of all ages are welcome. There is a potential for this group to blossom into a homeschooling group, as we have several homeschooling families at St. Paul! Interested or have questions, please contact Sarah Moser.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

8am & 10:30am

In-Person Worship, or on
Livestream / On-Demand at:
spvc.org

9:15am

In-Person Bible Class; or on
Livestream / On-Demand at:
spvc.org

9:15am

In-Person Sunday School

12-2pm

Private Communion Available

MONDAY

6-7:30pm

Confirmation Class
(NO Class on March 25th)

TUESDAY

10am

Quilters

5-7pm

Private Communion Available

WEDNESDAY

10-11:15am

In-Person Bible Study; or on
Livestream / On-Demand at:
spvc.org

5pm

Adult Choir Practice at Church

THURSDAY

11am-1pm

Young Family Fellowship

MEETINGS

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING

Sunday, March 10th
Between Services

ZONE PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, March 10th, 2pm

ELDERS

Tuesday, March 12th, 7pm
Tuesday, April 9th, 7pm

MEN'S MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, March 15th, 6pm

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Tuesday, March 19th, 7pm
Tuesday, April 16th, 7pm

MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Wednesday, March 6th
11:30am Lent-3
6pm Soup Supper
7pm PM Lent-3

Wednesday, March 13th
11:30am Lent-4
6pm Soup Supper
7pm Lent-4

Wednesday, March 20th
11:30am Lent-5
6pm Soup Supper
7pm Lent-5

EASTER BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 31st, 9:15am

LWML

Tuesday, April 2nd, 10am

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday, April 3rd, 6:30pm
Wednesday, April 17th, 6pm

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.

DVD PLAYERS AVAILABLE

Self-contained DVD players/screens are still available if you or someone you know is unable to stream the service, is temporarily hospitalized or isolated, or has a TV setup that makes watching DVD's challenging (cable boxes and input switching can be a real pain!). Contact the church office if this would be a benefit. Special thanks to a generous donor who has made these possible.

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.

LWML

- At our February meeting, 91 scarfs were made for Veterans in Medina.
- Held a successful bake sale over \$275.00. THANK YOU!!!
- Valentine cards were sent to the shut-ins. Beautiful cards were designed by our Sunday School children and adults too! Plans are in the works for upcoming Easter cards.
- The LWML Christian Prayer Service for the zone will be held at St. Paul on Sunday, March 10th at 2pm, led by Pastor Huelsman. Please join us!
- Watch for further information in our church bulletin for all our events and activities.

Lorain-Medina Zone: Thank you to everyone for the hot cocoa, chap stick, and Granola bars given to the LWML Board members. This will go to the "Food Blessing Box" in Kent, Ohio at our meeting.

Prayer Service will be on Sunday, March 10th at St. Paul at 2pm; Grace, Mercy, Peace.

Ohio District Convention is on June 21st & 22nd at the Holiday Inn Belden, Canton, Ohio. Ladies will be carpooling, for further information please contact, Sandy Turner or Ethel Schiemann. St. Paul needs two delegates who can vote for our Ohio District mission grants, bylaws, attend Bible studies and great worship services, plus more.

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2nd, led by Kathy Fargo.

OFFICERS FOR 2024

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

The "Leader" for the meetings will be rotated throughout the year.

MISSION STATEMENT *"As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions and equip women to honor God by serving others."*

QULITERS

The St. Paul Quilters continue to make cloth placemats this month. Our goal is to donate 175 placemats to commemorate St. Paul's 175th anniversary. We have a "production line" each time we meet and enjoy all the visits from those who drop in to talk, iron or drop-off books! We are meeting Tuesday mornings during Lent. (NO meeting on Tuesday, March 26th.)





Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. (1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2)

**LWML LORAIN-MEDINA ZONE
PRAYER SERVICE**

**Sunday, March 10, 2024
2:00 PM**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
1377 Lester Road
Valley City, OH 44280**

Grace, Mercy and Peace to all as we begin a new year! We are grateful to be able to proclaim with thanks for all He has done for us. This we shall do at our Prayer Service on March 10th.

Join us at St. Paul Lutheran Church as we rekindle our zone in missions, in prayer and in service. A short zone meeting will be held after the prayer service to discuss our prayers, delegates, and events for our zone.

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, Christine Cox 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

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

If you're an eligible member, please consider directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Valley City, OH. **2023 Choice Dollars expire March 2024**, so it's use it or lose it. You may learn more by visiting: www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or by calling Thrivent at: 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice." Thank you for helping to support the mission of St. Paul Church.

FELLOWSHIP HALL USAGE & RENTAL

To schedule your event please contact Christine Cox, our Parish Administrator at 330.483.3883 or, email at: christine.cox@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.

ST. PAUL PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Christine Cox
christine.cox@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

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)*

OUR VERY SPECIAL MEMBERS - Updated 3-2024

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126 Grand Avenue
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Updated 3-2023

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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
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Sam Jakabcic.....216.789.1076
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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, Preschool & Kindergarten.....
.....Gail Jackson
1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade.....Len Maver
4th, 5th, & 6th Grade.....Beth Bremke
7th & 8th Grade.....Pastor Streeper & David Spry
Adult Study.....Pastor Zielinski
Music.....Audrey Harris

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

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Christine Cox.....330.483.3883

BAPTISMAL BANNERS Tammy Rhodes.....440.476.0684

CARD MINISTRY...Joyce Ellenberger & Carol Hesketh

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EVANGELISM Walter Dill Jr.....330-304-6153

Rev. Streeper.....330-441-0502

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FUNERAL MEALS Sandy Turner.....330.592.9405

PRAYER CHAIN Flocknote/Emails.....Christine Cox

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

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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

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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

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Email: grasshopper48@gmail.com

Available: Tuesday, Friday, Saturday

Tim Wadle

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Available: Any

LAGRANGE

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Available: Any

Charlie Djordjevic

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Available: Any

LITCHFIELD

Sandy Turner

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Email: slturn71@gmail.com

Available: Any

2024 MARCH CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
Worship & Bible Studies found on Livestream and/or OnDemand at: spvc.org					7pm VCRC	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
LWML Collecting Mites 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Sunday School meet in Sanctuary 12-2pm Communion	6-7:30pm Confirmation Class	NO LWML 10am Quilters 5-7pm Walk-In Communion	10am Bible Study 11:30am Lent-3 Worship 6pm Lent-3 Soup Supper 7pm Lent-3 Worship	11am Young Family Fellowship		Daylight Savings Turn clocks forward
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Special Voters' Meeting 9:15am Sunday School meet in Sanctuary 12-2pm Communion	6-7:30pm Confirmation Class	10am Quilters 5-7pm Walk-In Communion 7pm Elder Meeting	10am Bible Study 11:30am Lent-4 Worship 6pm Lent-4 Soup Supper 7pm Lent-4 Worship	11am Young Family Fellowship 6pm Men's Movie Night		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Sunday School meet in Sanctuary 12-2pm Communion	6-7:30pm Confirmation Class	10am Quilters 5-7pm Walk-In Communion 7pm Executive Meeting	10am Bible Study 11:30am Lent-5 Worship 6pm Lent-5 Soup Supper 7pm Lent-5 Worship	11am Young Family Fellowship		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Palm Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Sunday School meet in Sanctuary 12-2pm Communion	NO Confirmation Class	No Quilting 5-7pm Walk-In Communion	NO Bible Study	NO Young Family Fellowship 11:30am Maundy Thursday Morning Worship 7pm Maundy Thursday Evening Worship	11:30am Good Friday Morning Worship 7pm Good Friday Evening Worship	
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Easter Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt NO Communion						

2024 MARCH BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Don Gotsch	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Kara Dearth	9
Alan Smith	Ann Olee Helen Schoolcraft	Trey Cook Lillian Harris				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Ava Piroli	Jim Sherry David Willkom	Mike Wohlever	Elleana Bremke Danielle LaChance	Todd & Margit Gery (54)	Erich Gottl	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Dianne Schultz	Debra Huelsman Bev Walter		James Baker	Charlotte Johnson Karen Siiman	Corrinne Palmer	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
John & Dianne Holland (62) Art & Rikki Jesse (65)	Lynn Eckert		Ireen Robinson	Jim Jackson	Jeanette Pastorius	
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2024 MARCH BAPTISMS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Shelly Blaine Deborah Gotsch	2
3	4	5 Dillion Gigliotti	6	7	8 Sandy Andrukut Brent Haury	9 Katie Piroli
10	11 Darrin Read Charlie Wohlever	12	13	14	15 Fran Leu Robert Murawski	16 Rachel LaChance
17 Paul Schultz Vauna Streeper	18 Erich Gottl Bella Read	19 Rev. Chris Streeper	20 Paul Rasschaert	21 Aden Murawski	22 Cherece Rasschaert Trenna Tighe	23
24 Hidly Benns Cassie Bremke Kyle Keller	25	26	27 Jaclyn Turner	28 Kara Dearth Rev. Dennis Murawski	29 Rev. Dale Huelsman	30 Cindy Balliet Alice Tyrpak
31						

2024 APRIL CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Worship & Bible Studies found on Livestream and/or OnDemand at: spvc.org		10am LWML		11am Young Family Fellowship	7pm VCRC	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
LWML Collecting Mites 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Sunday School meet in Sanctuary 12-2pm Communion	6-7:30pm Confirmation Class	5-7pm Walk-In Communion 7pm Elder Meeting	10am Bible Study 6pm Youth Group	11am Young Family Fellowship		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Sunday School meet in Sanctuary 12-2pm Communion	6-7:30pm Confirmation Class	5-7pm Walk-In Communion 7pm Executive Meeting	10am Bible Study	11am Young Family Fellowship		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Sunday School meet in Sanctuary 12-2pm Communion	6-7:30pm Confirmation Class	5-7pm Walk-In Communion	10am Bible Study 6pm Youth Group	11am Young Family Fellowship		
28	29	30				
8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Info Meeting 9:15am Sunday School meet in Sanctuary 12-2pm Communion	6-7:30pm Confirmation Class	5-7pm Walk-In Communion				

2024 APRIL BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Tricia Hibler	Jim & Trena Tighe (48)		Samuel Bremke Dave & Judy Scaife (49)	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Ian Scahel	Deb Weigel Lenore Winterstein	Chris Schnurr	Tremontae Beck	Phoebe Bennett	Tom Albrecht Jack Gordon Abigail Klooz	Gary Kirchenbauer
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Rosie Hibler	Mark Ross	Jeri Bosela	John & Sue Willkom (31)	Carol Hesketh Simon Moser	Kyle Bremke	Sarah Scheiman
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Fran Leu	Susan Adams Jerome Duran Sophie Rauhaus	Paul & Susan Franz (10)	Paul & Dianne Schultz (61)
28	29	30				
Pam McGuire John & Janet Kristoff (62) Carl & Chris Strekely (51)	Jonathan Klooz					

2024 APRIL BAPTISMS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Don Gotsch Judy Pflaum Jim Sherry	Barb Duran Diane Raita		Linda Steingass	Victoria Becker Faye Denman Penny Evans	Helen Schoolcraft
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Bonnie Keller Dianne Schmidt	Mike Wohlever		Alex Tyrpak Lorena Zielinski Valeria Zielinski Yesenia Zielinski Yuliza Zielinski Yurledis Zielinski			Gary Kirchenbauer
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Phoebe Bennett Don Tibbitts	Annmarie Heyse	Gary Eckert Carole Zwingelberg			Noah Dearth Patricia Krueger	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Jackson Baker Karen Siiman	Elleana Bremke		Larry Krueger Eric Miscuda
28	29	30				
	Irma Hill					