



St Paul Lutheran

VALLEY CITY, OHIO

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FEBRUARY 2024

The Outlook for Increased Ministry at St. Paul

Beloved of the Lord,

Over the past eighteen months, the Lord has blessed the Gospel ministry of St. Paul by adding the gifts of Rev. Streeper. His formal work as Pastoral Assistant began last summer and since then he has faithfully carried out his duties of working with the youth, outreach, men's ministry, as well as preaching and teaching. All the while, he has been engaging studies at the seminary of a sister synod. We had hoped that his studies would result in his being eligible for a call into the LCMS as a pastor. However, the dynamics of how two church bodies cooperate (even those in confessional agreement) are subject to the complexities of life and it has now become clear that this will not result in his being eligible for a call into the LCMS.

As discouraging as this realization has been, Rev. Streeper should be commended for his dedication to the ministry of the Gospel. His work and studies were certainly not in vain. He has grown tremendously as a theologian and pastor. In order to move forward, together with the LCMS Ohio District President, Rev. Kevin Wilson, we began exploring routes to ministry in the LCMS to see which path the Lord may be leading him toward.

What follows here is a description of the program of study available to Rev. Streeper to be certified for ministry in the LCMS and how it relates to the ministry here at St. Paul. In February we will be having several information sessions that you can attend in-person in order to be more informed and to engage in discussion ahead of a special Voters' Meeting that will be held in March so that the congregation can determine the path forward.

Summary of the next steps:

- **February: Informational Meetings**
- **March: Special Voters' Meeting**

Informational Meetings: All Members Invited to Attend

Friday, February 9, 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Saturday, February 17, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Sunday, February 25, 9:30am (During Bible Study)

Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP)

More than ten years ago, the LCMS established a course of study available to men and congregations who find themselves in need of additional or specialized ministry manpower but for whom the traditional four-year, residential seminary program is not feasible for some reason. In these cases, the **Specific Ministry Pastor** program can prepare men for pastoral service in a particular congregation via distance learning so that they can remain in their present location and even begin to apply their ministry gifts during their studies.

SMP Program Outline:

The SMP program involves two years of “vicarage” work after which the candidate is ordained and then completes two additional years of continuing education to complete the program. Two years as a vicar before ordination and then two more years of classes to finish.

Years One and Two: Vicarage and Classes

Ordination

Years Three and Four: Ministry and Classes

Men who complete the SMP program are able to serve as pastors only in the specific congregation where the specific ministry exists. Because of the shortened curriculum, they cannot take a call to another congregation and cannot serve in positions of ecclesiastical supervision. There is an additional course of study to become a “general ministry” pastor which, if completed, would allow an SMP Pastor to serve anywhere in the synod.

Counting the Cost

There will be two aspects of cost for the SMP Program: cost of the program itself and compensation for a Vicar/Associate Pastor.

Estimated Cost of Attendance per year: \$10,000

Includes: tuition, fees, room/board for intensive, and estimates for books and travel.

Estimated Compensation: currently we are paying Rev. Streeper \$40,000/year as a part-time Pastoral Assistant. We should be prudent over his years of study to bring this up to the recommended district scale based on his roles and responsibilities as a vicar and then as an associate pastor.

Ministry at St. Paul:

During Rev. Streeper's first two years, he will be a "Vicar" much like Rev. Buvinghausen, Rev. Monday, and Rev. Burgess (as a summer vicar). In many ways it will look exactly as it does now: preaching, teaching, and leading specific areas of ministry (youth, men's ministry, outreach, etc.).

After his vicarage, we will be able to celebrate his ordination! At that point he will be able to do full Word and Sacrament ministry: baptisms, the Lord's Supper, etc. He will begin service essentially as an Associate Pastor for St. Paul.

What does St. Paul need to do?

As a congregation, we need consider our role in the SMP program and determine if we will commit to calling Rev. Streeper as our Associate Pastor. The only way he can enter the SMP program is with our commitment to support him as our vicar and then to call him as an associate pastor once he is ordained.

What is the Proposal?

At the special voters meeting we will consider amending the 2024 budget and committing ourselves to the long-term support of Rev. Streeper's studies and ministry here at St. Paul.

- Amending the 2024 budget to continue the Pastoral Assistant compensation through the rest of the year. (an additional \$20,000)
- Amending the 2024 budget to allocate budget dollars for a partial scholarship in support of Rev. Streeper's seminary studies
- Committing to hosting Rev. Streeper as our SMP Vicar and then calling him as an Associate Pastor
- Establishing a scholarship fund so that members can contribute directly to the remaining cost of attendance.

Your Role

- Pray about the ministry opportunities here at St. Paul. We have a vibrant and growing community of believers. Pray that God would show us how we can continue the legacy of 175 years of Gospel ministry in Medina County and beyond.
- Attend one (or more) of the informational meetings so that you are well informed leading up to the special voters' meeting.
- Prayerfully consider your stewardship of generosity in tithes and offerings to support the work of the congregation. We have been blessed with the financial resources to support the ministry which the congregation commits to. That begins with each one of us individually.

This will be an exciting process as we consider the expansion of the ministry here at St. Paul and how we can support Rev. Streeper in the SMP program. Personally, my own service here at St. Paul has been blessed by his partnership. To have a brother in the ministry to work with has strengthened my own efforts. It is my sincere hope that, as a congregation, we will see this course ahead as a blessing that is within our reach and commit to supporting Rev. Streeper in the SMP program.

In Christ,



Rev. Zielinski

FROM THE PASTORAL ASSISTANT'S DESK

When Vauna and I first came to St. Paul we were a little concerned about having Judah with us during the service. Much like his daddy, Judah is loud, inquisitive, and has a hard time sitting still. Having raised three other boys and growing up with two younger brothers, I'm relatively certain that describes most young boys. We were relieved to connect with several other families who had young boys, but we were still a little worried about how Judah would handle sitting through an entire service.

Coming from the larger non-denominational/Baptist churches, we had become accustomed to dropping the kids off for "children's church" or leaving them in the care center while we and the other adults attended the service. We had an entire routine ... drop the kids off, swing by the coffee bar to grab a cup, say hello to our friends, grab our seats, sing three terribly written "worship" songs, then listen to a poorly delivered motivational speech which had elements of Christianity sprinkled throughout. And we could do all this unincumbered because there were no noisy children to disturb the service.

In many of those churches, once a child reaches High School age, they are generally permitted to attend services regularly because they've learned how to sit still and be quiet. Still, many of them choose to go to "youth service" because it is "way more fun than boring adult worship." (At least, that's how my older boys described it.) When the boys did join us for worship, they were quite often lost and uninterested because we did things differently in "big church."

The pews of a Lutheran church, however, are filled with children, and for good reason. We are actively engaged in teaching our children the Christian faith. Parents are encouraged to catechize their children at home and bring them into worship along with the rest of the congregation. They come to the communion rail to receive a blessing until they are old enough to pass through the Rite of Confirmation and receive the Lord's Supper. Children are present during services, not only to hear the Law and the Gospel proclaimed, but to live and experience the liturgy of Divine Worship. It is there, together, as a church family, that we carry out the promises we made to these children during their baptisms ... that we, as a congregation, would take up the responsibility of raising them alongside their parents.

It's a beautiful commitment we have made to our children. Yes, sometimes it can be a little noisy. Sometimes the children can be a little distracting. It can also be challenging for the parents ... and even a bit embarrassing. No parent wants their child to disrupt the worship of anyone else, I promise ... but sometimes it happens. There are days when a young child, still finding their singing voice, can be so loud that the entire congregation can hear them clearly over the organ and there are days when you'd barely notice their presence. Look carefully toward the chancel at myself and Pastor Zielenski next time you hear a noisy child. Often times we're grinning. Why?

Because it is a beautiful thing to see a hear a child singing praises to God or reciting the Lord's Prayer. We know that those children are growing in their faith and that their parents are diligently instructing them. How wonderful and beautiful is the faith of a child ... so much so, that Christ spoke of it several times.

I write this not to discourage or condemn, but to remind everyone that we are a family. We come together every Sunday morning to worship our Lord and Savior, to hear the proclamation of the Word, and to receive the Sacraments. I commend the parents of our young children for their regular attendance and their commitment to raising their children in the faith. That is our primary duty and vocation as parents, to raise our children and instruct them in the faith, so that when they grow old, they do not depart from it. And it is our responsibility as a congregation to assist them ... even more so, it is our sacred promise to God. I think we do a very good job of this at St. Paul. Keep it up! And in the rare occasion that one of our kids become too distracting ... please do your best to be patient and display the grace and mercy of Christ, who also reminded us, ***“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it”***

Jesus promoted a humble, honest faith in God, and He used the innocence of a child as an example. A humble, unpretentious faith could rightly be called a “childlike faith.” And how does a child receive the gift of faith? With openness, honesty, and unbridled joy. That type of happy authenticity should be a hallmark of our faith as we receive God's gift in Christ ... even if it sometimes is a bit noisy and distracting.

~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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December 11, 2023

St Paul Lutheran Church
1377 Lester Road
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Dear Friends of St Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you so very much for your support for the many families who have lost their homes, jobs, and belongings due to the fires in Lahaina and Upcountry Maui. Your donation of \$498.25 (ck #17055 dtd 11.27.2023) for the fire relief fund has been received. We will be using the funds to support those in need. We are also working with Lutheran Church Charities and LCMS World Relief to help provide ongoing aid for families as they seek to rebuild and access disaster relief funds. This will undoubtedly take many months and even years. Your support is so greatly appreciated.

The church has been collecting supplies from the community and buying supplies to give with the monies donated. Connections have been made with a local group that has been making daily trips to Lahaina/West Side to deliver supplies. GOD IS GOOD!

"What should we do then?" the crowd asked. John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." Luke 3:10-11

The organization is a 501c3 tax-exempt organization. Federal ID # 99-0151567. No goods or services were provided in exchange for the contribution.

Heartfelt thanks for the donation.

God's Blessings,

Jeanette M. Omura
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Financial Secretary

*Thank you so much
for your donation.
we continue to
assist the many
people with the
daily necessities.
also making sure
the high school
sports teams from
Lahaina get good
meals after their
games.
Please continue to
keep maui in prayer.*



(not actual sign)

New Sign Coming to 303 and Lester Road!

Near the end of February we will be having a new electronic sign installed to replace the current one that has finally given out. We tried hard to repair the sign but after 15+ years, its time was up.

The new sign will give a sharper image and will be 20% wider than the current sign (while reusing the current cabinet). It will also be easier to update remotely so will get more use and more variety than before.

It has a full five-year warranty and then continuing support for ten years or more.

You are invited to contribute directly toward the cost of the new sign. The total cost is approximately \$22,000.

Indicate "New Sign" in the memo of your check or give online at www.spvc.org – click "give online" – select "Sign Fund".

LENTEN MEALS

During Ash Wednesday and in the Lent season we will 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

As always, we are 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 (or a regular ole casserole will do too!).

EASTER EGG HUNT

will be on Easter Sunday, March 31st for the children between services. Plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy donations are accepted. Please give to Beth Bremke, thank you.

VALENTINE'S FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

LWML is inviting the Sunday School children and congregation on Sunday, February 4th to make Valentine's Day Cards for our special members and college students between services. **If you would like your college student included in this, please email their name and mailing address to: secretary@spvc.org**

HEALTH & SAFETY

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

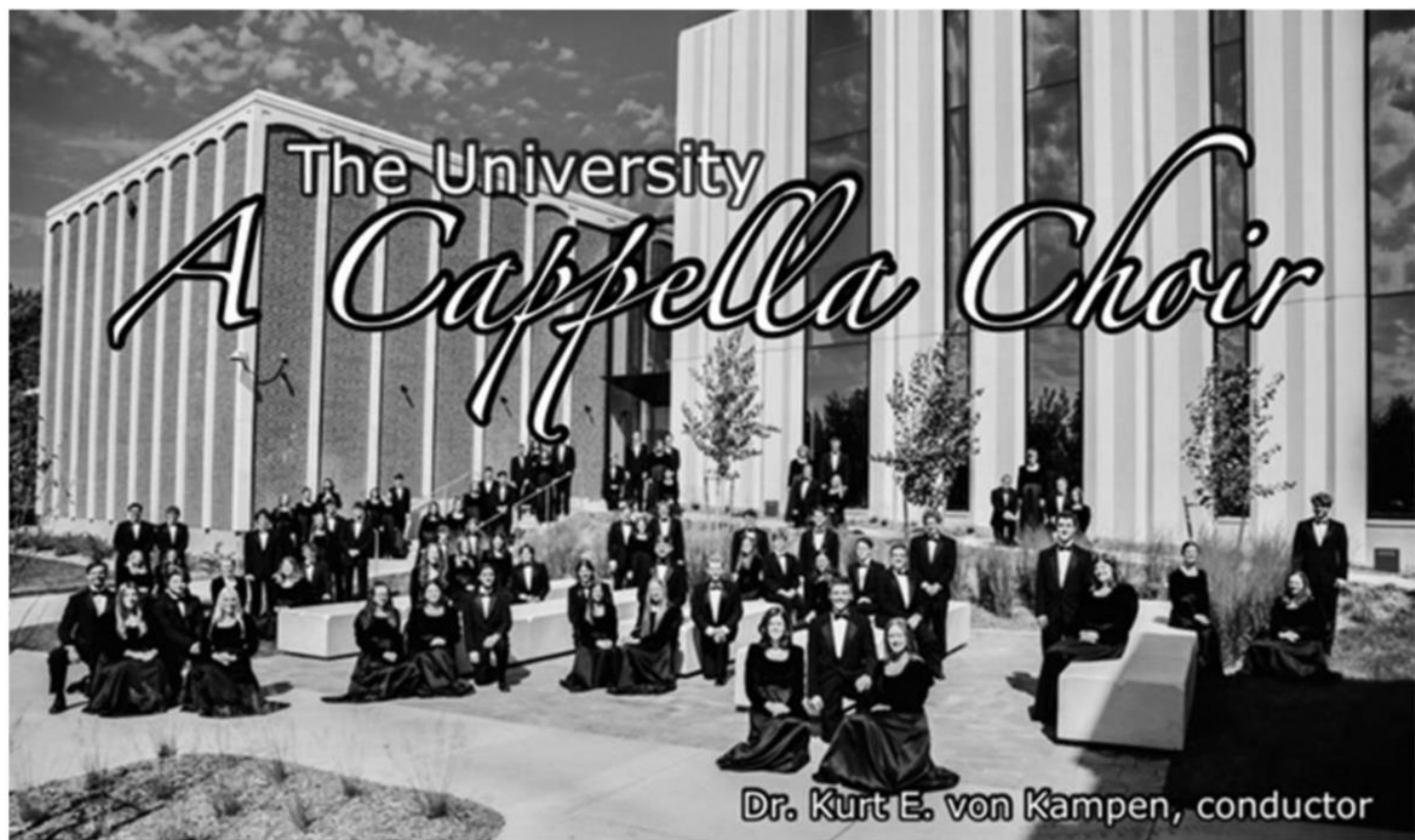
February 2024

	SERVICE	February 4 SUNDAY	February 11 SUNDAY	February 14 Ash Wednesday Lent Service Communion	February 18 SUNDAY	February 21 Wednesday Lent Service	February 25 SUNDAY	February 28 Wednesday Lent Service
		Communion	Communion	Communion	Communion		Communion	
ELDER	8am	Tim Wadle	Steve Kato	Steve Kato/Jim Jackson	Chris Duran	Sam Jakabcic	Tim Wadle	Chris Duran
	10:30am	Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic		Dave Hesketh		Jim Jackson	
USHERS	8am	Mark Gordon	Mike Scahel		Jim Sherry		Steve Kato	
	10:30am	Brian Dearth	Erich Gottl	N/A	Rich Proeschel	N/A	Joe Bennet	N/A
GREETERS	8am	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	Dean & Beth Bremke		Steve & Colleen Kato		David & Mackenzie Duran	
	10:30am	Rich & Jenny Proeschel	Joe Benet		Barb Pijor		Rich & Jenny Proeschel	
ELDER INFO								
Stephen Kato 330-242-7183 Tim Wadle 216-214-7109 Jim Jackson 330-391-6393 Chris Duran 216-577-5164 Sam Jakabcic 216-789-1076 Dave Hesketh 330-410-6150				Morning Lent Service Tim Wadle Jim Rafter		Morning Lent Service Tim Wadle Jim Rafter		Morning Lent Service Tim Wadle Jim Rafter

QULITERS

Quilters will meet in the church basement kitchen. We currently have a couple quilts in progress. This winter we are adding placemats to our sewing schedule. Cloth placemats will be donated to *Meals on Wheels* recipients. Who wouldn't love to eat a meal on a beautiful placemat? Recipients are given a new placemat every 3 months. Washable cotton fabric is preferred. They are looking for all patterns and seasonal fabrics for placemats to give meal recipients throughout the year. If you have some cotton fabric to donate, please leave it on the table in the basement kitchen. A sample placemat is on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you would like to help cut out, iron or sew, please join us anytime. Our days vary, usually on Wednesdays, so please check the bulletin weekly.





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.

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 start to meet for Lent and Easter practices at Audrey Harris' house starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14th at 5:00 PM. 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

DOUBLE THANK YOU As we warmly welcome Beth Bremke into Christian Nurture, we must not forget to mention Barb Pijor for the many years of wonderful service here at St. Paul.

LWML invites the Sunday School children and congregation on Sunday, February 4th to make Valentine's Day Cards for our special members and college students between services. If your child is away from home, please email the address to Chrisine Cox, Parish Administrator.

WE ARE STARTING SOMETHING NEW! Beginning Sunday, February 11th, the Sunday School students will meet in the sanctuary at 9:15-9:30 AM for Welcoming/Object Lesson and music before going to the individual classrooms.

SUNDAY SCHOOL students will be learning and singing various songs during selected church services. The first scheduled program will be Palm Sunday, March 24th, then May 19th, and October 20th. More details will be available closer to those dates.

2024 EASTER EGG HUNT will be on Easter Sunday, March 31st for the children between services. Plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy donations are accepted. Please give to Beth Bremke.

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.

"ADOPT A CHILD OF GOD" is something we will introduce in the next newsletter! Stay tuned!

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

TUESDAY

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 Audrey
Harris' house starting 2/14/24

THURSDAY

11am-1pm

Young Family Fellowship

MEETINGS

LWML SCARF MAKING

Tuesday, February 6th, 9:15am

LWML

Tuesday, February 6th, 10am

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday, February 7th, 6:30pm

INFO MEETING

Friday, February 9th, 6pm

LWML BAKE SALE

Sunday, February 11th
Between & After Services

ELDERS

Tuesday, February 13th, 7pm

QUILTERS

TBA, 12pm

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 14th
11:30am Worship
6pm Soup Supper
7pm Worship

INFO MEETING

Saturday, February 17th, 2pm

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Tuesday, February 20th, 7pm

MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Wednesday, February 21st
11:30am Lent-1
6pm Youth Group Soup Supper
7pm PM Lent-1

Wednesday, February 28th
11:30am Lent-2
6pm Soup Supper
7pm Lent-2

INFO MEETING

Sunday, February 25th
Between Services

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

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the LWML sponsored events recently. We sincerely appreciate all your donations to the Oaks Family Christmas Collection and for your other donations, participation and bakery for our annual St. Paul Christmas Tea.

VALENTINE CARD MAKING The LWML is inviting the Sunday School children and congregation to join in the fun between services to make cards for our special members.

SCARF MAKING Why not join the LWML as they will meet on Tuesday, February 6th at 9:15 AM to come together in fun fellowship to handmade fleece scarves for the Veterans in our surrounding area. At 10:00 AM the regularly scheduled LWML meeting will begin. All women are welcome, and will meet upstairs in the Fellowship Hall.



VALENTINE BAKE SALE LWML is sponsoring a Valentine bake sale on Sunday, February 11th between and after services. If you would like to donate bakery, please sign-up at the Welcome Center and mark it with a suggested price when dropping off.



On that Sunday, stop by and pick up something for your Sweetie!

LWML MISSION GRANTS The listed above are some of the 31 missions that LWML is supporting with mites collected each month.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, February 6th following scarf making in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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

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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)*

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2024 FEBRUARY CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
Worship & Bible Studies found on Livestream and/or OnDemand at: spvc.org				11am Young Family Fellowship	7pm VCRC	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
LWML Collecting Mites 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Valentine Card Making 12-2pm Communion	NO Confirmation Class	10am LWML NO Walk-In Communion	NO Bible Study 6pm Youth Group	11am Young Family Fellowship	6pm Info Meeting	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am LWML Bake Sale 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 11:30am Ash Wednesday Worship 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship	11am Young Family Fellowship		2pm Info Meeting
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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 11:30am Lent-1 Worship 6pm Lent-1 Youth Group Soup Supper 7pm Lent-1 Worship	11am Young Family Fellowship		
25	26	27	28	29		
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	10am Bible Study 11:30am Lent-2 Worship 6pm Lent-2 Soup Supper 7pm Lent-2 Worship	11am Young Family Fellowship		

2024 FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Camron Eckert	2	3 Susan Willkom
4 Janet Kristoff	5	6 Hannah Bennett Donald Tibbitts	7	8 Judy Pflaum	9 Barb Hadaway Scott Leu Jay Moser Charlie Wohlever	10 Christopher Miscuda Aden Murawski
11 Mikaela Weigel	12 Jean Palmer Judah Streeper Paul & Pam Rasschaert (47)	13 Anna Blaine	14	15 Joe & Len Maver (50)	16 Andrew Hibler	17
18	19 Shelly Blaine	20	21 Robert Murawski	22	23 Paul Schultz	24
25	26 Bonnie Keller Judy Renz	27 Walter Dill Jr. Trenna Tighe Carole Zindelberg	28 Victoria Becker Tracy Read	29		

2024 FEBRUARY BAPTISMS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Jacob Gatt Daine Peters	Jennifer Schnurr	David Turner	Richard Gatt			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Donnie Cox	Mikaela Weigel		Mark Andrukat Maggie Gordon	Hannah Bennett		Carol Hesketh Kari Morar
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Kristen Nagy		Bill Siiman	
25	26	27	28	29		
		John Johnson Carl Strekely	Jared Pflaum			