



St Paul Lutheran

VALLEY CITY, OHIO

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ISSUE 1 IN OHIO

Beloved of the Lord,

Our Lord calls us to be unapologetically pro-life. From the Fifth Commandment where murder is prohibited to the summary of all of God's Law: Love God and love your neighbor. We are committed to the care of all humanity as created in God's image: children, mothers, fathers, families ... all are precious in God's sight and deserve our love and care, especially in times when they are faced with decisions of life and death or as they deal with past decisions. We care for them with grace and the message of God's love and forgiveness.

Because we care for women, children (those born and not yet born), men, and families, we are compelled to speak and act when their wellbeing is threatened by the ideologies of this culture of death in which we find ourselves living. **Issue 1 here in Ohio is one such threat.** If passed it would place Ohio among the most abortion-permissive states. What follows is a letter of Rev. Dr. Kevin Wilson, President of the LCMS Ohio District that outlines the troubling and dangerous implications of the amendment if passed.

Briefly, I'd like to comment on the five areas of "reproductive decisions" this amendment purports to protect:

1. *Contraception*

Only forms of contraception that act as abortion-causing drugs have ever been proposed for restriction. Abortifacient drugs prevent the implantation and ongoing growth of a child once conceived. This ends the life of a child who should be protected. No legislation restricting abortion would restrict access to methods that would prevent a woman from getting pregnant in the first place.

2. *Fertility treatment*

Fertility treatments which result in the deliberate destruction of conceived children (either before or after in utero implantation) end the life of a child who should be protected.

3. *Continuing one's own pregnancy*

This suggests that only the woman is involved in the pregnancy without regard for the life of the child who should be protected.

4. *Miscarriage care*

The medical care for a woman who has experienced a miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, or other perilous complications apart from a regular pregnancy has never been restricted. These medical treatments cannot be equated with elective abortion. Though the current state of medicine may result in the death of the child, the treatments are not done for the purpose of killing the child. The death of the child is the tragic result of the complication of pregnancy and not at all the same as the willful destruction of a child who should be protected.

5. *Abortion*

Abortion is the willful and deliberate killing of a child who should be protected. No one has the right to end the innocent life of another.

I understand that some may be convinced of nuanced ideological or political positions on these issues and may ultimately disagree. As Christians we must love our neighbor enough to set aside our political loyalties and examine issues based on our faith-informed conscience and ultimately act in Christ-like love for the defense of the defenseless. As we care for women and children—especially in heart-wrenching situations—we must seek solutions for them that do not increase their pain and trauma but rather see them through the loving eyes of Christ and support them in the preservation of life which will ultimately leave them without regret.

I urge you to vote against Issue 1 in order to protect women and children and ensure that parents remain at the center of their children's care.

In Christ,

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

Pastor Zielinski

Amendment with Highlighted Terms

Be it Resolved by the People of the State of Ohio that Article I of the Ohio Constitution is amended to add the following Section:

Article I, Section 22. The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety

A. Every **individual** has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on:

1. contraception;
2. fertility treatment;
3. continuing one's own pregnancy;
4. miscarriage care;
5. and abortion.

B. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either:

1. An individual's voluntary exercise of this right or
2. A person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
3. However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's **treating physician** it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or **health**.

C. As used in this Section:

1. "Fetal viability" means "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis."
2. "State" includes any governmental entity and any political subdivision.

D. This Section is self-executing.



October 2, 2023

A pastoral letter to the congregations and church workers of the Ohio District,

Greetings in the name of our Jesus, who has delivered us from death by his resurrection from the dead.

Ohio District church members in Ohio have an opportunity to demonstrate God's love for the least of our society in the statewide election on November 7, 2023. The opportunity is to vote against the proposed constitutional amendment, "The Right to Reproduction Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety."

This is a rare instance of my addressing with you both a political and a theological issue facing our church and our society. The sanctity of human life is a foundational biblical belief. God is the creator of the heavens and the earth, including our creator as human beings. (Genesis chapter 1). Our existence begins at conception, as we are told in Psalm 139:13, "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb."

For this reason, abortion is contrary to God's will, including violating the 5th Commandment. The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod maintains that abortion "is not a moral option, except as a tragically unavoidable byproduct of medical procedures necessary to prevent the death of another human being, viz., the mother". (1979 Res. 3-02A)

As Christians we are called to love our neighbor (Matthew 22:37-39, James 2:8). This love extends to defending those who cannot defend themselves. (Proverbs 31:9, Psalm 82:3). I think those at greatest risks in our society are unborn children.

For these reasons, this amendment is cause for grave concern. The amendment in its entirety can be found on the back side of this document. Here are my three deepest concerns.

Article 1, Section 22, A, states, "Every **individual** has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on..." (boldface italics added by author)

The term "individual" is not qualified. This means that minors could make decisions about contraception, fertility treatments, or abortion, without parental knowledge or consent. Sex change surgeries for minors also could fall under the umbrella of "reproductive freedom."

Article 1, Section 22, B, 2., states: "However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's **treating physician** it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or **health**." (boldface italics added by author)

The "treating physician" could be an abortionist. This amendment would allow abortionists to recommend and perform abortions at any time in the nine months of pregnancy.

It should also be noted that the term "health" has a broad legal definition. "Health" includes such aspects of life as physical, emotional, or financial wellness. This provides considerable width and breadth of the legal justifications of abortions that could be recommended and performed at any time during the pregnancy.

I encourage congregational members and church workers from all of our congregations to vote against this amendment. In addition to those who can vote in Ohio, I urge our brothers and sisters in West Virginia and Kentucky to pray for the protection of unborn children in Ohio in this election.

In the name of Jesus,

President Wilson

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FROM THE PASTORAL ASSISTANT'S DESK

Fall is finally here! The leaves are changing to all sorts of beautiful colors, the bulk of the harvests are complete, and the weather is a perfect blend of crisp and cool. October baseball has come and gone, football is in full swing, and hockey season has started. This is truly my favorite time of the year.

Very soon we will gather with our friends and families in our homes, in our churches, and in other places around our communities to give thanks for all that has been bestowed upon us during the previous year. Personally, Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday. Not because I'm a big guy and I like to eat, but because it's become a special time of fellowship in my life. I didn't grow up in a Christian home and I moved around a lot due to my service in the military. Over the years, I discovered Thanksgiving was the one of the few American holidays nearly everyone enjoyed together. Thanksgiving, for me, became a time to celebrate life and share a meal with those around me, wherever it was that I hung my hat at the time. Today, I am blessed to call Medina County my home and the members of SPVC my family.

Over the next couple months, we will have a lot of opportunities to fellowship with one another at St. Paul. The first will be an opportunity for the men to gather here at church for a football themed Movie Night & Potluck on November 17th at 6:00 PM. The following week we will gather for a Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service. Thanksgiving is then on Thursday, November 23rd. If you are not gathering with your own family, or if your families live very far away as mine do, I encourage you to consider celebrating the day together with another family or single member from St. Paul. Advent begins in December, which also means we will have weekly potlucks prior to Wednesday night services. On Wednesday December 13th, the Youth Group will prepare a spaghetti dinner for the congregation and host an Ugly Sweater Contest. They hope to make this night of service and fun an annual tradition. I look forward to enjoying many good nights of fellowship with ya'll over the next couple months.

A Few Other Things

Evangelism Committee: Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6th at 5:30 PM. We could use a few more volunteers who are interested in assisting the church with development & planning as we take SPVC into 2024 & beyond. If you're interested, please contact me.

Youth Group: Youth Group is intended for students in grades 6-12. We meet every other Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 PM. We typically have some dinner fellowship, a short Bible study & devotional, then enjoy an activity together. It's normally a laid back, fun evening and we'd love to see your students and their friends there! We're currently working to obtain funding and materials to redecorate the basement area and planning for a trip to Higher Things next summer. The kids are also very excited to serve the church by preparing a spaghetti dinner on December 13th and hosting an Ugly Sweater Contest!

Black River Lutherans: For the past year I've been conducting outreach in Spencer and the other communities served by the Black River School District. Some interest has been generated in establishing a fellowship in that area. On Tuesday, November 7th, I'll begin holding a weekly breakfast Bible Study at Aunt B's Diner in Spencer. If you live in the area, please spread the word, and consider joining us. (Pastor Buvinghausen and I are discussing establishing something similar in Wellington.) Be on the lookout for further information on these things as they continue to develop.

God Bless & Happy Thanksgiving,

Rev. Streeper

Tailgate Theme Potluck

 **Bring your best Chili, Wings & Dips**

SPVC men 

 

**Nov 17th
6:00pm**

 **Men's Movie Night
FAITH + FOOTBALL
Double Feature**

 **SPVC youth**

 

Prizes for best
Adult Sweater
Youth Sweater (6-12)
Child Sweater (pK-5)

**1st Annual
Ugly Sweater
Contest &
Youth Supper**

**Dec 13th
6:00pm**

 

**2024 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Pastor Wages & Taxes</u>		
Salary	\$ 47,374.00	\$ 43,426.00
Housing/Utilities	44,310.00	44,310.00
Car Allowance	7,000.00	6,500.00
Health Care / Retirement	36,792.00	35,466.00
Subtotal Pastor	\$ 135,476.00	\$ 129,702.00
<u>Other Wages & Taxes</u>		
Parish Administrator	\$ 17,700.00	\$ 16,800.00
Organists	9,300.00	9,000.00
Custodian	8,060.00	8,060.00
Vicar	-	0.00
Assistant Treasurer	7,000.00	7,000.00
Social Security, Medicare	4,748.00	3,126.00
Guest Pastors	1,200.00	1,600.00
Mileage Reimbursements	25.00	250.00
Workers' Comp. & Group Fee	400.00	480.00
Subtotal Other Wages/Taxes	\$ 48,433.00	\$ 46,316.00
<u>Church, Office, Administration</u>		
Copier & Maintenance	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,800.00
Office & Church Supplies	8,500.00	7,000.00
Computer / Software / Toner	3,000.00	2,500.00
Postage / DVD Ministry	500.00	1,000.00
Conventions / Assessments	1,000.00	2,800.00
Subtotal Office	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 18,100.00
<u>Board of Elders</u>		
Choir / Handbell Music	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00
Choir Robes	100.00	100.00
Portals of Prayer	700.00	600.00
Easter / Christmas Decorations	300.00	300.00
Coffee / Donut Fellowship Hours	500.00	400.00
Subtotal Elders	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<u>Board of Evangelism</u>		
Altar Guild/Altar Flowers	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Advertising/Promotions	400.00	300.00
Subtotal Evangelism	\$ 700.00	\$ 600.00

**2024 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Board of Trustees</u>		
Insurance	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 6,000.00
Real Estate Taxes	1,700.00	1,750.00
Mortgage	36,000.00	36,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund	24,000.00	24,000.00
Lawn Care	2,500.00	2,200.00
Snow Plowing	1,000.00	1,300.00
Water \ Sewer	1,900.00	2,100.00
Gas	6,000.00	7,000.00
Electric	5,300.00	6,000.00
Internet \ Website	1,500.00	1,600.00
Telephone	2,300.00	2,000.00
Sound System	500.00	300.00
Fire Supression	600.00	400.00
Trash Pick-Up	850.00	800.00
Organ \ Piano Maintenance	500.00	500.00
IT	1,000.00	3,500.00
Security	750.00	1,300.00
Supplies	2,000.00	700.00
Maintenance \ Repairs	3,500.00	3,500.00
Subtotal Trustees	<u>\$ 99,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 100,950.00</u>
<u>Board of Christian Nurture</u>		
Sunday School Curriculum	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Holiday Expenses	200.00	200.00
Youth Group	2,000.00	1,000.00
VBS	1,700.00	2,000.00
Picnic	500.00	1,000.00
Bible/Catechisms/Higher Items	1,000.00	700.00
Subtotal Nurture	<u>\$ 6,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,400.00</u>
<u>Missions</u>		
District	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Local / National / Intern'l Missions	5,000.00	5,500.00
Seminary Student	-	0.00
Pastoral Assistant	20,000.00	15,000.00
Vicar Fund	-	0.00
Youth Scholarship	1,000.00	1,500.00
St. Paul Benevolence Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Subtotal Missions	<u>\$ 29,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>
Total Budget	<u>\$ 340,509.00</u>	<u>\$ 329,068.00</u>
Budget per Week	<u>\$ 6,548.25</u>	<u>\$ 6,328.23</u>

** Budgeted funds available, \$3,000/mo. Paid on Mortgage instead of \$2,982.48 min.
Current Mortgage balance approximately \$?????, down \$xx,xxx from last year.

2021 Income	249,055.90	10%	2023 Mission calc 24,905.59
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Greetings in Christ from Imperial, Nebraska!

My family and I have settled into our vicarage placement of Zion Lutheran Church in Imperial, Nebraska. We have enjoyed getting to know the quaint town and the wonderful people. They have cared for us from our first day here and we feel very blessed. We pray over the course of this year that we can be a blessing to them, the church, and the community.

We moved to Imperial in time to experience the Chase County Fair which is a big event for the area. This was the first fair for the kids, and they thought it was awesome. The rides and funnel cake were enjoyed by all. Our oldest, Avery, even got to enter a project into the 4-H Open Class exhibit which earned a purple ribbon. Things have calmed down since the fair as school began in the area, and we have entered our second year of homeschool. We thoroughly enjoyed our summer but are thankful to be back in a routine as well.



I am very thankful for the abundant opportunities I have been given as a vicar so far. I assist with the services weekly, have preached a few sermons, led some of the midweek Bible studies and services at the retirement home, gone on home visits, and observed/taught new-member classes. This week the church will begin their Christ Academy classes which are what the children participate in after school on a weekly basis for catechism instruction. I pray to faithfully serve Zion Lutheran to the best of my ability over the next year and praise God for a wonderful supervisor and congregation.

We thank you for supporting our family through this whole seminary adventure. God has placed kind, faithful, and generous servants in our lives to care for us so that we may go out into His kingdom and proclaim the Gospel. Thanks be to God for his goodness and mercy!

We continue to pray for your congregation.

In Christ,

Vicar David Clark and family

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5-6

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.

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.

GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Please take a moment to collect your Worship folders, filled out or blank attendance slips, used tissues, and any other items left in the pews after leaving the Worship Services. Thank you kindly!

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

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).

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.

ADULT CHOIR

CHRISTMAS IN THE VALLEY SING-A-LONG

Saturday, December 9th at 6pm at St. Martin's Church, Valley City.

ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS

Wednesdays 5-6pm at Audrey Harris' house on November 1, 8, 15. After these dates we will select another time during Thanksgiving week and Advent to rehearse.

ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Sunday, December 10th at the 8am Worship Service.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 24th at the 7pm Worship Service.

Please continue to watch the weekly bulletins for any changes and updates. If you have questions, you may contact Audrey Harris.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The kiddos are looking forward to Advent and the St. Paul Christmas Program. Participation Slips will be handed out with times and dates. Please complete and return to your child's Sunday School teachers. Please watch bulletins for further announcements. Thank you. Also, we would still love more teachers. Anyone willing to jump in the pool, please contact Pastor Zielinski, or Barb Pijor at: 440-213-5963 (texting is fine), Email: bpijor@gmail.com

QUILTERS

Quilters have been meeting twice a month, so check the bulletin for days and times. Dates change with the holidays coming up. Our usual meeting day is every other Wednesday at 11:30 AM. We have several group and personal projects in progress. We are always looking for people to join. Don't say, "but I can't sew!" There are many steps in making quilts that don't involve sewing that you could do. And for those of you that do sew, we are delighted to have you. You may be surprised to see what you can do in this wonderful ministry.

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.

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
(Christmas Program Practice is all of
November; Program is on 12/10)

12-2pm

Private Communion Available

MONDAY

6-7:30pm

Confirmation Class

TUESDAY

5-7pm

Private Communion Available

WEDNESDAY

10-11:30am

In-Person Bible Study; or on
Livestream / On-Demand at: spvc.org
(NO Study: 11/22)

WEDNESDAY

5-6pm

Adult Choir Practice
at Audrey Harris' house

MEETINGS

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday, November 1st
6:30-8:00 PM

EVANGELISM MEETING

5:30 PM

LWML

Tuesday, November 7th
10:00 AM

QUILTERS

Wednesday, November 8th
11:30 AM

ELDERS

Tuesday, November 14th
7:00 PM

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday, November 15th
6:30-8:00 PM

MEN'S MOVIE NIGHT & POTLUCK

Friday, November 17th
6:00 PM

VOTERS' MEETING

Sunday, November 19th
between services (No Bible Class)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Tuesday, November 21st
7:00 PM

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday, November 29th
6:30-8:00 PM

November 2023

	SERVICE	November 5 SUNDAY All Saints Day No Communion	November 12 SUNDAY Communion	November 19 SUNDAY Communion	November 22 WEDNESDAY Thanksgiving Eve Communion	November 26 SUNDAY Communion
ELDER	8am	Chris Duran	Tim Wadle	Steve Kato	Steve Kato / Jim Jackson	Chris Duran
	10:30am	Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic	Sam Jakabcic		Steve Kato
USHERS	8am	Jim Rafter	Mark Gordon	Dave Hesketh	Elders to find volunteers	Jim Sherry
	10:30am	Joe Bennett	Rich Proeschel	Brian Dearth		Jay Moser
GREETERS	8am	David & Mackenzie Duran	Steve & Colleen Kato	Dean & Beth Bremke		Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes
	10:30am	Rich & Jenny Proeschel	Joe Bennett	Barb Pijor		Rich & Jenny Proeschel
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	

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."*

LWML LUNCHEON was a success! We want to thank all the men who helped set up the tables for our luncheon. Your help was very much appreciated!

LUTHERAN MEN'S MINISTRY The last day for collecting hats, scarves and gloves has been extended to Sunday, November 12th. There is a box in the Narthex for these items for veterans at Lutheran Men's Ministries.

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS This comes from the Oaks Family Care Center, and we would like to include the congregation in this project. The collection will start in November (once we get the list), and collection will continue until December 6th. There will be a display and a collection box in the Narthex; more instructions will be available as we get the list.

SAVE THE DATE the LWML Christmas Tea is coming up on Sunday, December 10th from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Guest Speaker: Ruth Pangrace will be portraying the character of Mary, Mother of Jesus.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 7th at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

OFFICERS FOR 2023

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.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING

Come one, come all! Let's join in together and adorn the walls and halls of St. Paul Lutheran Church for our upcoming Advent Season and the birth of our Dear Savior Jesus Christ.

Saturday, December 2nd at 9:00 AM

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)*

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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**

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# 2023 NOVEMBER CHURCH EVENTS

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | MONDAY                                                                       | TUESDAY                                                                  | WEDNESDAY                                                                                              | THURSDAY                | FRIDAY                                           | SATURDAY                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                              |                                                                          | 1                                                                                                      | 2                       | 3                                                | 4                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Worship &amp; Bible Studies found on Livestream and/or OnDemand at: <a href="http://spvc.org">spvc.org</a></b>                                                                                                              |                                                                              |                                                                          | <b>10am</b><br>Bible Study<br><br><b>6:30-8pm</b><br>Youth Group                                       |                         | <b>Elder's Retreat</b><br><br><b>7pm</b><br>VCRC | <b>Elder's Retreat</b><br><br><b>5pm</b><br>Crankster's Dinner<br><br><b>Day Light Saving Ends:</b><br>Turn Clocks Back |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 6                                                                            | 7                                                                        | 8                                                                                                      | 9                       | 10                                               | 11                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Elder's Retreat</b><br><b>All Saints' Day</b><br><b>LWML</b><br>Collecting Mites<br><b>8:00 &amp; 10:30am</b><br>Sunday Worship<br><b>9:15am</b><br>Bible Class<br><b>9:15am</b><br>Sunday School<br><b>NO</b><br>Communion | <b>5:30pm</b><br>Evangelism Meeting<br><b>6-7:30pm</b><br>Confirmation Class | <b>10am</b><br>LWML<br><br><b>5-7pm</b><br>Walk-In Communion             | <b>10am</b><br>Bible Study<br><br><b>11:30am</b><br>Quilters                                           |                         |                                                  |                                                                                                                         |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 13                                                                           | 14                                                                       | 15                                                                                                     | 16                      | 17                                               | 18                                                                                                                      |
| <b>8:00 &amp; 10:30am</b><br>Sunday Worship<br><b>9:15am</b><br>Bible Class<br><b>9:15am</b><br>Sunday School<br><b>12-2pm</b><br>Walk-In Communion                                                                            | <b>6-7:30pm</b><br>Confirmation Class                                        | <b>5-7pm</b><br>Walk-In Communion<br><br><b>7pm</b><br>Elder Meeting     | <b>10am</b><br>Bible Study<br><br><b>11:30am</b><br>Piano Tuning<br><br><b>6:30-8pm</b><br>Youth Group |                         | <b>6pm</b><br>Men's Movie Night & Potluck        |                                                                                                                         |
| 19                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 20                                                                           | 21                                                                       | 22                                                                                                     | 23                      | 24                                               | 25                                                                                                                      |
| <b>8:00 &amp; 10:30am</b><br>Sunday Worship<br><b>9:15am</b><br>Voters' Meeting (NO Bible Class)<br><b>9:15am</b><br>Sunday School<br><b>12-2pm</b><br>Walk-In Communion                                                       | <b>6-7:30pm</b><br>Confirmation Class                                        | <b>5-7pm</b><br>Walk-In Communion<br><br><b>7pm</b><br>Executive Meeting | <b>10am</b><br>Bible Study<br><br><b>NO</b><br>Quilters<br><br><b>7pm</b><br>Thanksgiving Eve Worship  | <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> |                                                  |                                                                                                                         |
| 26                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 27                                                                           | 28                                                                       | 29                                                                                                     | 30                      |                                                  |                                                                                                                         |
| <b>8:00 &amp; 10:30am</b><br>Sunday Worship<br><b>9:15am</b><br>Bible Class<br><b>9:15am</b><br>Sunday School<br><b>12-2pm</b><br>Walk-In Communion                                                                            | <b>6-7:30pm</b><br>Confirmation Class                                        | <b>5-7pm</b><br>Walk-In Communion                                        | <b>10am</b><br>Bible Study<br><br><b>6:30-8pm</b><br>Youth Group                                       |                         |                                                  |                                                                                                                         |



# 2023 NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

| SUNDAY                                                                                            | MONDAY                                      | TUESDAY                            | WEDNESDAY                            | THURSDAY                                                          | FRIDAY                                         | SATURDAY                           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                   |                                             |                                    | 1<br>Natalie Myers                   | 2                                                                 | 3<br>Jonathan & Julia<br>Blakely (5)           | 4<br>Brian Dearth                  |
| 5<br>Larry Krueger                                                                                | 6<br>Jeff & Grace<br>Bailey (24)            | 7<br>Bob & Ethel<br>Schiemann (53) | 8                                    | 9<br>Miles Heyse                                                  | 10<br>Lauria Baker<br>William Schnurr          | 11<br>Rikki Jesse                  |
| 12<br>Diane Peters<br>Rich & Dottie Miller<br>(57)                                                | 13<br>Tom & Barb<br>Hadaway (47)            | 14<br>Allysa Metzger               | 15<br>Ethel Schiemann                | 16<br>David Spry<br>Ezmarelda<br>Winterstein<br>Valeria Zielinski | 17<br>Luke Bremke<br>Adam Read<br>Kathe Stumpf | 18<br>Kevin & Audrey<br>Harris (6) |
| 19<br>Rich Olee<br>Reagan Sherry                                                                  | 20<br>Art Jesse<br>Don & Deb Gotsch<br>(51) | 21                                 | 22<br>Aaron Blaine<br>Anita Praisler | 23<br>Maddie Yunker                                               | 24<br>Molly Ross                               | 25<br>Edwin Haddad<br>Nina Spry    |
| 26<br>Ps. Garrett<br>Buvinghausen<br><br>Margaret Weintz<br><br>Michael & Michelle<br>Scahel (29) | 27                                          | 28                                 | 29                                   | 30                                                                |                                                |                                    |

# 2023 NOVEMBER BAPTISMS

| SUNDAY         | MONDAY        | TUESDAY                                                        | WEDNESDAY                                                                       | THURSDAY     | FRIDAY                             | SATURDAY                                        |
|----------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
|                |               |                                                                | 1<br>Gail Jackson<br>Rick Pflaum<br>Paula Pietch<br>Dave Scaife<br>Betsy Wilson | 2            | 3<br>Paul Bosela<br>Debbie Harrill | 4<br>Kyle Kirchenbauer                          |
| 5              | 6             | 7                                                              | 8                                                                               | 9            | 10                                 | 11                                              |
| Devon Murawski | Billy Schnurr |                                                                | Layla Zimmerman                                                                 | John Johnson | Lauren Blaseg<br>Sarah Tyrpak      | Bryson Read                                     |
| 12             | 13            | 14                                                             | 15                                                                              | 16           | 17                                 | 18                                              |
| Kathy Fargo    | Samuel Eckert | Ryan Keller<br>Tim Keller<br>Jenny Knopf                       |                                                                                 |              |                                    | Cheryl Dearth                                   |
| 19             | 20            | 21                                                             | 22                                                                              | 23           | 24                                 | 25                                              |
|                | Jerry Weigel  | Noreen Fischer<br>Edwin Haddad<br>Jeffrey Haddad<br>Owen Hawke | Art Heyse                                                                       | Arlene Klooz |                                    | Lauren Kukurza<br>Barb Pijor<br>Chris Ruhrkraut |
| 26             | 27            | 28                                                             | 29                                                                              | 30           |                                    |                                                 |
|                | Tom Keller    |                                                                |                                                                                 |              |                                    |                                                 |