



St Paul Lutheran

VALLEY CITY, OHIO

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To Learn and Proclaim

As autumn arrives and school begins, Christian education here at St. Paul gets a fresh start as well. Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, Youth Confirmation, Wednesday Bible Study, will—God willing—fulfill God's calling to His people to teach the faith in this and every generation.

Sunday, September 11 will mark the start of our fall Christian Education program. The singular goal of Christian education here at St. Paul is to strengthen the faith of our members—in every generation. No one ever outgrows the need for God to strengthen your faith. "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). In order to strengthen your faith, dwell upon the Word of Christ—Holy Scripture—in deliberate study, both in our regular worship life and our opportunities for study of God's Word. In these many opportunities you will find your opportunity to "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy" as you hear God's Word "hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it" (3rd Commandment and Explanation). These opportunities for Christian Education are opportunities for your faith to be strengthened and to equip you with the "full armor of God" as you daily struggle with sin and the temptations of the evil one. SUIT UP!

Beginning this fall, we will take a few moments each Sunday morning to introduce our "Verse of the Week." It is a deliberate attempt to place before ourselves a Word of God in order to dwell upon it in the coming week, speak it out loud at least twice a day, every day, so that this seed of God's Word would fall deeply into our memory and we can Learn By Heart. Equipped with these Words of God it is also fitting that we should study and Learn By Heart the faithful expressions and articulations of God's Word. It is important that we have true things to say about God, what He has accomplished for us, and how He continues to work in our lives every day.

You can discuss and speak about your faith and confidence which clings to Christ alone. You are able to not only declare that you believe in Jesus, you can also confess **WHAT** you believe about Jesus.

Not just any thoughts or words will do. Though our confidence is in Christ alone, we are still sinful and fallen and so our interpretation of God's Word will falter. Rather than just leave each interpretation up to individual whim, we are called to establish a "pattern of sound words" (2nd Timothy 1:13) and be able to speak truthfully about the things of God.

Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism when he saw the need for a simple way to teach the basics of the Christian faith. The head of each household has the God-given duty to teach the faith in his home and we have been blessed to receive something like the Small Catechism which is indeed true to scripture in every word and a simply way to learn the faith and speak of it.

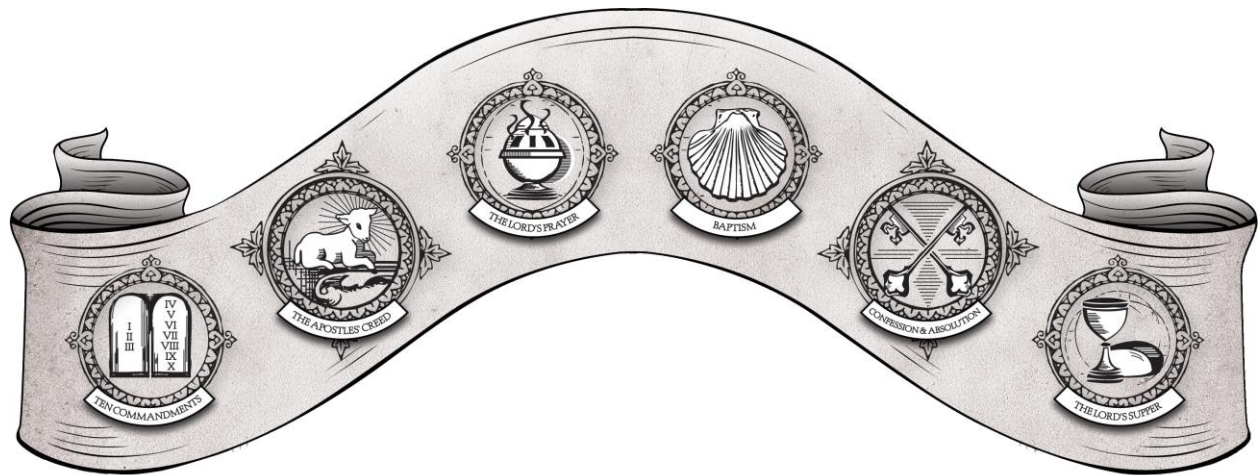
Some may say, “The Small Catechism? That’s child’s play.” Yes, it is designed for children to study, but it is not “child’s play.” Have you outgrown the 10 Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, Baptism, Confession and Absolution, or the Lord’s Supper? Could you list all 10 Commandments? Do you have a “pattern of sound words” with which to discuss Holy Baptism if you were asked by a curious co-worker or relative?

So that you may answer “YES!” we will also begin a “Catechism Portion of the Week” in addition to the “Verse of the Week.” Together, we can all have before us a truthful “pattern of sound words” which we can learn together. To first Learn By Heart God’s Word and then Learn By Heart the “pattern of sound words” given to us in the Small Catechism will strengthen us as the Body of Christ.

Christian education to strengthen the faith of our members—in every generation.

In Christ,

Pastor Zielinski



CONFIRMATION 2022 - 2023

Monday, September 12, 6:00pm: Orientation with Students and Parents

Classes begin Monday, September 19, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

All students in grades 7 & 8 are invited to join

Contact Pastor Zielinski with any questions:

pastor@spvc.org or call/text: 440-458-0189

CONGREGATIONAL FORUMS

Opportunities are coming up to brainstorm about the future possibilities here at St. Paul both with the coming year's budget and long-term planning.

Topics will include:

Vicarage Program, Mission Opportunities, Communion Frequency, 175th Anniversary Celebration, and more.

As we look back over the past 175 years and look forward to 2027 when we will celebrate the anniversary of the sanctuary, we have the opportunity to make plans for how we may celebrate and contribute to the legacy of the Gospel here at St. Paul.

Make plans to attend one of the forums so that your God-given gifts are included in the planning process. Together, as the Body of Christ, we joyfully embrace the opportunities and challenges that God has for us.

Tuesday, August 30th

7:00–8:00pm

Saturday, September 10th

9:00–10:00am

Sunday, September 11th

9:30–10:15am (between Services)

CHURCH ONLINE

at spvc.org

Online services are available to view LIVE at 8:00 AM on Sundays, or on-demand. Visit www.spvc.org – on the homepage is a viewer for the livestream (when active) and for the most recent service. Bulletins are available via the link. Select the bulletin for the date of the service you are watching. Livestreams will typically be at normal service times.

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.

RECYCLE WORSHIP BULLETINS

You're encouraged to take home your worship bulletins (use the scriptures, hymns and prayers for your own devotions!). Or, please use the blue recycle tub that is located in the hallway as you leave the sanctuary. **Unused attendance slips may also be placed in the recycle tub.** Thank you.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

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

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Gentle Reminder, as the time for the 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 conversations. Thank you and may the Lord bless your worship of Him.

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).

WIGGLE BAGS

Please help yourself to these goody bags that hold various activities that help kids 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. We are grateful to Sarah Moser who attends to keeping up with sanitizing and providing clean Wiggle Bags each week. Please return the "used" Wiggle Bags to the "used" plastic bin after the worship service. Your donated supplies may be given to Sarah Moser, thank you.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

8:00 & 10:30 AM

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

9:15 AM

In-Person Sunday School

9:30 AM

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

12-2:00 PM

Private Communion Available here at
Church

MONDAY

6:00-7:30 PM

Confirmation Class, Orientation 9/12
Classes Starting 9/19/22

TUESDAY

5-7:00 PM

Private Communion Available here at
Church

WEDNESDAY

10-11:30 AM

In-Person Bible Study; or on
Livestream / On-Demand at: spvc.org
(NO Bible Study September 7th)

ADULT CHOIR

Please stay tuned!

Any questions please contact Sarah
Moser with any questions at:
440-453-0180.

MEETINGS

LWML

Tuesday, September 6th,
10:00 AM

CONGREGATIONAL FORUMS

Saturday, Sept. 10th, 9-10:00 AM
Sunday, Sept. 11th, 9:30-10:15 AM

ELDERS

Tuesday, September 13th,
7:00 PM

QUILTERS

Tuesday, September 27th,
11:30 PM

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Tuesday, September 20th,
7:00 PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Once again autumn is almost upon
us and it's time to start Sunday
School.

**We will begin on:
Sunday, September 11th.**

If you have any questions about
your student(s) please contact
Barbara Pijor by email at:
bpijor@gmail.com or, call her at
440-213-5963. Thank you.

COMING UP in OCTOBER

LWML SUNDAY,
October 2nd
Between Services

TRUSTEE WORKBENCH

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

LWML

AT THE JUNE OHIO DISTRICT LWML CONVENTION in Napoleon, it was voted to fund all the mission grants that were submitted totaling \$116,000 for this biennium. Please continue to collect stamps as the Ohio District is still getting funds for them. Sandy Turner was elected Ohio District recording secretary.



St. Paul Representatives with Lorain-Medina Zone Banner

LWML SUNDAY Please join us on October 2nd, when we will celebrate the churches official women's organization, LWML! The theme, "For Us And With Us," will be celebrated with a reception between services from 9:15 to 10:15am. There will be cookies and punch along with displays of recent LWML projects and ladies to answer any questions. Purple is LWML's color, so join us for some purple cookies and punch!

MARYSSA'S MISSION FOUNDATION LWML will be collecting toys this holiday season. These toys will be distributed to children in hospitals during Christmastime. The church supported this foundation during the last golf outing. Len Maver will be spearheading this project. Look for more information coming soon!

KEEP THE DATE The Christmas Tea will be Sunday, November 27th at 2:00 PM. More Details to follow soon!

NEXT MEETING All are welcome on Tuesday, September 6th at 10:00 AM to plan for the LWML Sunday celebration and Christmas Tea.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Beloved Sculptures Come To Cleveland

Matthew 25 Collection

Created by Canadian artist, Timothy Schmalz, this group of six sculptures represents the areas called out in the Gospel of Matthew to care for the least of our brothers and sisters in need.

Community West Foundation permanently installed these artworks on the near west side with the intention to spark conversations around social justice and empathy. Cleveland is the second city in the world, following Rome, Italy, to have the full collection of bronze figures.

Artwork Collection and Locations



5TH ANNUAL LUTHERAN OKTOBERFEST

Mark your calendar for this event which will take place on Saturday, September 10th, from 12:00-10:00 PM at the Cleveland Metroparks Brooklyn Memphis Picnic Area! Tickets can be purchased in advance or day of the event. Volunteers are needed. Get more information at: <https://www.lutheranoktoberfest.com/>

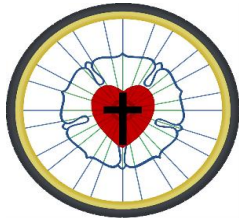
PRAYER CHAIN on FLOCKNOTE

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

HOME VISITS

Book your visit with Pastor Zielinski by contacting the church secretary, or, visit: www.spvc.org and click "Book with Pastor Zielinski" to see available times.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CYCLING FRIENDS



Welcome Autumn! The St. Paul Lutheran Cycling Friends group is rolling. We are looking to schedule various rides through October. Watch for updates and future ride information in the newsletter and bulletins as well as the Facebook group:

www.facebook.com/groups/lutherancyclingfriends

Contact Walter Dill Jr. at walterdill@gmail.com for more information.

ST. PAUL PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Christine Cox
christine.cox@spvc.org
330.483.3883

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Tuesday: Off
Wednesday: 9:30 AM (10-11:30 AM Bible Study) - 3:30 PM
Thursday: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Friday: Off

BABY BOTTLE MINISTRY

Baby Bottle Project is for the Oaks Family Care Center. We know that bottle returns have been hampered by the pandemic and we thank you for what you have already turned in. At present, there is no "return by" date, so that you may return your filled bottles whenever you are able to bring them to church. Your participation in this project is greatly appreciated.

FELLOWSHIP HALL USAGE & RENTAL

To schedule your event please contact Christine, our church secretary at 330.483.3883 or, email her 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.

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 10am-12pm at 1638 Lester Road, Valley City, OH. www.valleycity.org

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

BENNS, Bill

Shermer Place Assisted Living
18821 Shurmer Road, Room #220
Strongsville, OH 44136
440-238-9001

JESSE, Erika

The Avenue at Strongsville
18936 Pearl Road, Room #152
Strongsville, OH 44136
440-870-2600

NIKEL, Marion

Brunswick Pointe Transitional Care
4355 Laurel Road, Room #211
Brunswick, OH 44212
440-230-3348

PETCHLER, Joyce

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

RAUHAUS, Marilynn

Plum Creek
891 Marks Road, Room #C-2
Brunswick, OH 44212
330-220-4900

SCHULTZ, Bill

6988 Spieth Road
Medina OH 44256
330-421-2050

SILK, Dorothy

6260 E Law Road
Valley City, OH 44280
330-350-6866

TIBBITTS, Don

7160 Abilene Drive
Payton, CO 80831
330-225-4767

BURGESS, Rev. Jeff & Bailey

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

6905 Cheddar Valley Drive
Brighton, MI 48116

BUVINGHAUSEN, Rev. Garrett & Emilia

Resurrection Lutheran Church
2215 N. Llano St. Fredericksburg, TX 78624

MONDAY, Dakota (Doug)

6600 N. Clinton St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

GRAY, Daniel & Michelle

(Adopted Seminary Student from Concordia
Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne)
PO BOX 167
6600 N. Clinton Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

FORBES, Connor E.

(Adopted Seminary Student from Concordia
Seminary, Saint Louis)
Campus Post Office Box
801 Seminary Pl.
Saint Louis, MO 63105-3196

SEPTEMBER 2022

	SERVICE	September 4 SUNDAY	September 11 SUNDAY	September 18 SUNDAY	September 25 SUNDAY
ELDER	8am	Tim Wadle / Steve Kato	Tim Wadle	Tim Wadle / Steve Kato	Steve Kato
	10:30am	Rob Zacharias / Sam Jakabcic	Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic / Jim Jackson	Rob Zacharias
USHERS	8am	Mark Gordon	Jim Sherry	Chris Duran	Dave Hesketh
	10:30am	Brian Dearth	Bill Steingass	Jay Moser	Brian Dearth
GREETERS	8am	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	David & Mackenzie Duran	Dean & Beth Bremke	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes
	10:30am	Elder	Barb Pijor	Elder	Barb Pijor
ELDER INFO					
Stephen Kato 330-242-7183					
Tim Wadle 216-214-7109					
Jim Jackson 330-391-6393					
Rob Zacharias 330-416-6013					
Sam Jakabcic 216-789-1076					

2022 SEPTEMBER CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
Worship & Bible Studies found on Livestream and/or OnDemand at: spvc.org						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
LWML Collecting Mites 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Class 12-2pm Walk-In Communion		10am LWML 5-7pm Walk-In Communion	NO Bible Study			9-10am Congregational Forum
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30-10:15am Congregational Forum 12-2pm Walk-In Communion	5-7pm Confirmation Orientation	5-7pm Walk-In Communion 7pm Elder Meeting	10am Bible Study			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:00 & 10:30am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Class 12-2pm Walk-In Communion	5-7pm Confirmation Class	5-7pm Walk-In Communion 7pm Executive Meeting	NO Bible Study			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Class 12-2pm Walk-In Communion	5-7pm Confirmation Class	10am Quilters 5-7pm Walk-In Communion	10am Bible Study			

2022 SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Cindy Ruhrkraut	2 Bryson Read Gil & Joyce Haury (61)	3 Denice Horton Levente & Kristen Nagy (11)
4 Mark & Lynn Gordon (11)	5	6 Kathy Fargo Meghan Smith	7 Mikey Walker Joyce Willson	8 Paul Bosela Luke Zacharias	9 Nicole Gatt Rachael Gatt	10 Tom & Cathy Keller (39)
11 Dave Hesketh Miranda Pflaum	12	13	14	15 Faye Denman John Wilkom Tim & Bonnie Keller (43)	16	17 Lorena Zielinski
18 Greg & Alice Tyrpak (40)	19 Rick Pflaum	20	21	22 Art Heyse	23 Christine Cox Larry Mitchell	24 Barb Pijor Dorothy Silk
25 Dave & Jenny Knopf (46)	26 Cathy Keller	27 Noreen Fischer Rev. Dennis & Susan Murawski(47)	28	29 Daine Johnson	30	

2022 SEPTEMBER BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Scott Leu Maddie Yunker	2 Liz Kato	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Julia Blakely Erin Heyse Lauren Heyse	Jason Balliet Dean Bremke	Heinrick Cordes Judy Scaife	Rochelle Hibler		Adam Criswell
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Caroline Knopf	Bill Schultz	Declan Herbert Delaney Herbert	Kim Marie Schultz	Marilynn Rauhaus	Ray Meilander Landric Turner	Rev. Philip Zielinski
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Kayleigh Sammarco Gino Schnurr	Daniel Heinz Nicole Sadow	Greg Shook Emily Stoskopf		Kelton Keller	David Ross Cindy Ruhrkraut	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Gretalyn Beck Guynelle Beck			Henry Kacher Jean Wadle Lenore Winterstein	Evan Hawke	Megan Carlson	