



St Paul Lutheran

VALLEY CITY, OHIO

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FEBRUARY 2023

LENT 2023: PROMISED TREASURES

Matthew 13:52 (ESV) — ⁵² And [Jesus] said to [the disciples], “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

This Lenten season, we have a fresh opportunity to embrace in old, familiar ways and in new ways, God’s amazing love for us, His baptized children. God tells us that “faith comes from hearing” (Romans 10:17), and that is one of our physical senses. We believe “that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them” (Small Catechism, Explanation of the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed). God has given us ALL our senses and the Gospel is communicated through the physical senses of sight, smell, touch, and taste.

Jesus tells His disciples that a good teacher not only brings out new treasures but reminds people of old and rich treasures as well (Matthew 13:52). So, each Wednesday in Lent, we will take a weekly journey of our senses to concretely see, smell, touch, and taste a number of biblical elements: ashes, salt, water, light, bread, and palms. During Holy Week, we will encounter blood and water, wood, fragrant oil, and finally, on Easter Sunday, milk and honey. All these beautiful Old and New Testament elements will remind you of God’s eternal love in Christ, fill you with renewed hope, and increase your joy, knowing that because we are His baptized children, God is near to us now more than ever.

Ash Wednesday: Sitting in Dust and Ashes

Midweek of Lent 1: Salt: The Gift That Sweetens and Preserves

Midweek of Lent 2: Water Gives You Life

Midweek of Lent 3: Light Shining in the Darkness

Midweek of Lent 4: Bread of Life

Midweek of Lent 5: Palms and Victory

Maundy (Holy) Thursday: Water and Blood

Good Friday: The Wooden Cross

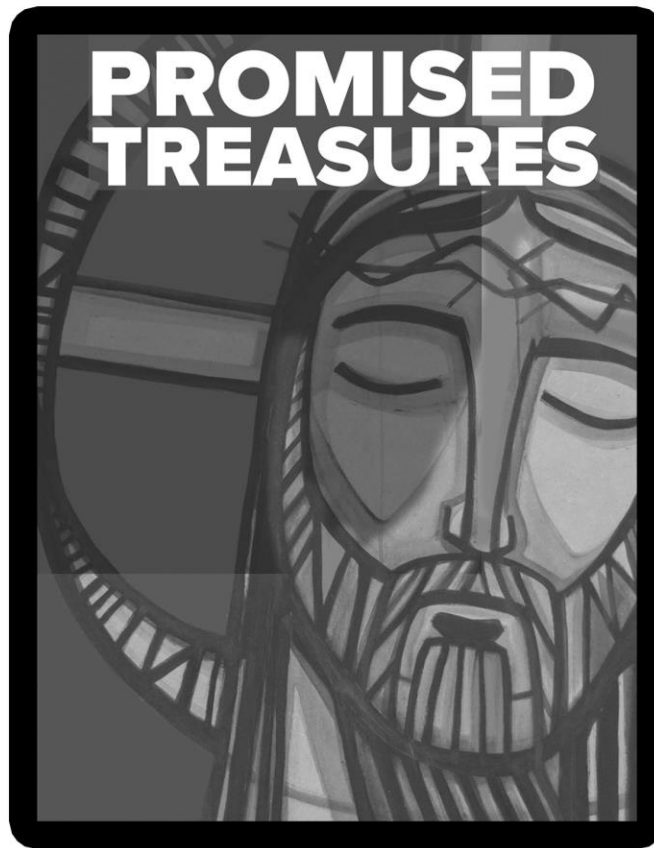
Easter Vigil: The Oil of Joy and Gladness

Easter Sunday: The Heavenly Land of Milk and Honey

In Christ,

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

Pastor Zielinski



WORSHIP FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday, February 22

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)

April 6, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Good Friday

April 7, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Wednesdays in Lent

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

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

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 8, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday: April 9

8am & 10:30am - Festival Divine Service

9:15am Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt

www.spvc.org

VICAR WELCOMING & HOSPITALITY TEAMS

Our application for a vicar is being prepared and we will know (for sure) in April if we will be receiving a new vicar.

As we prepare the application and begin planning, we need YOUR help! Sign up at the Welcome Center to be part of these teams:

WELCOME TEAM: We need help looking for housing, furniture, etc. for the new vicar. We will also need help for move-in day (and eventually move-out day too!). This committee will work primarily at the beginning and end of the vicarage time.

HOSPITALITY TEAM: Throughout his time with us, we want to make sure that he is included in our community and that he can explore Cleveland and be welcomed on holidays and for fellowship. While we will all do things to make him feel welcome and included in our community, this committee will take the lead and make sure things don't fall through the cracks.

FAITHFUL GENEROSITY & STEWARDSHIP

Saints of God, in 2022 our congregation was once again blessed by an outpouring of faithful generosity from our members. The income of the congregation increased over the year, but in particular, the weekly offerings from you increased nearly 20%, some \$50,000 more than we gave in 2021. Thanks be to God for the generous hearts He has given to you!

We were also blessed with faithful management of these contributions and stewardship of the facilities and resources God has blessed us to manage. Countless volunteers and work hours went in to caring for the buildings and grounds and beautifying God's House.

Our financial team is finalizing a year-end report that will give you a comprehensive look at the numbers and will be available in February.

Thank you for your faithful generosity toward the work of the Gospel here at St. Paul and its impact locally, nationally, and internationally. God is good!

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 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.

RECYCLE WORSHIP BULLETINS

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

GOOD STEWARDSHIP

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

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.

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).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Happy New Year to all! Hope you had a wonderful and blessed Christmas. I have had a request for the Sunday school classes to once again make Valentines for our shut-ins. They were so appreciated last year. Also, it's not too soon to start thinking about VBS! Summer will be here before we know it! 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.

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
here at St. Paul Church

MONDAY

6:00-7:30 pm

Confirmation Class
(No Confirmation 2-6-2023)

TUESDAY

5:00-7pm

Private Communion Available
here at St. Paul Church
(No Communion 2-7-2023)

WEDNESDAY

10am

In-Person Bible Study; or on
Livestream / On-Demand at: spvc.org
(No Bible Study 2-8-2023)

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

If you're an eligible member, please consider directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Valley City, OH.

2022 Choice Dollars expire March 31, 2023, 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.

MEETINGS

QUILTERS

Wednesday, February 1st, 11:30am

LWML

Tuesday, February 7th, 9:30am

ELDERS

Tuesday, February 14th, 7pm

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Tuesday, February 21st, 7pm

MMF TOY DRIVE

After receiving many donations for the children of this organization, we want to THANK YOU! Your generosity was well received. Lord's blessings.

THANK YOU

Thank you for welcoming myself and Erika to your congregation. I felt at home as soon as entered your doors. We appreciate the wonderful Afghan that was made for Erika, your continued prayers, cards we received, and visits to her. We are blessed, Art and Erika Jesse

COMING UP IN MARCH

Upcoming event for LWML Lorain-Medina Zone:

Sunday, March 26th at 2:00 PM
Lenten-Hymn-Sing-Prayer

Service led by Shirley Smith will be held at Faith, Avon. Mark your calendar and more information will be in the March bulletins.

TRUSTEE WORKBENCH

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

BABY BOTTLE MINISTRY

Baby Bottle Project is for the Oaks Family Care Center in Brunswick, OH. We know that bottle returns are still hampered by the pandemic, and 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

Help yourself to these goody bags that hold activities to 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. 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 Sarah Moser who attends to keeping-up with sanitizing and providing clean Wiggle Bags each week. Your donated supplies may be given directly to Sarah Moser.

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 continues to support LWML through your donations of mites. With the help of your donations the national LWML grants have all been funded for the current biennium.

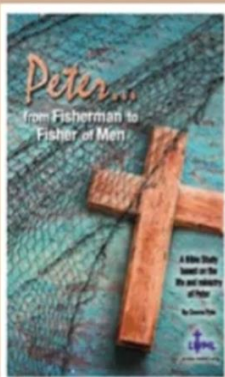
NEXT MEETING LWML will meet on Tuesday February 7th at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin with an in-house service project of re-organizing the funeral committees supplies. Many of the supplies are housed in the attic, making them more difficult to get going up and down the steep attic stairs. We will re-organize them into tubs in the room next to the kitchen. The regular business meeting will be held afterwards. LWML welcomes all women of the congregation to join us!

NEW 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.

Join us for St. Paul
Women's Minsistry Spring Event
Speaker Donna Snow
Praise and Worship with
Diane Konyk and Karen Snyder



Light Breakfast
and Lunch
Fellowship

**Donna
Snow**



Peter failed.
Jesus redeemed.
Jesus restored.
Peter triumphed.
His story is our story.

Saturday March 4th 9:00am in the activity center
27933 Detroit Rd. Westlake, OH 44145 (440-835-3050)
TICKETS \$20 at the door (cash only). Seating is limited pre-register
at <https://bit.ly/DonnaSnow3423>

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

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

Friday: Off

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.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Please stay tuned!

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

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
330-741-8000

PETCHLER, Joyce

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

RAUHAUS, Marilyn

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

ST. PAUL HELPING HANDS

“SMALL TASK MINISTRY”

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A HELPING HAND?

Use this list to see who is available on the day of the week you need and reach out to them to set things up.

BEREA

Tammy Rhodes

Cell: 440-476-0684

Email: tarhodes1982@hotmail.com

Available: Saturday & Sunday all day, Monday through Friday after 6pm

BRUNSWICK

Dave & Carol Hesketh

Cell: 330-410-6150

Available: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Paula Pietch

Cell: 440-897-4847

Email: grasshopper48@gmail.com

Available: Tuesday, Friday, Saturday

Jean Wadle

Cell: 216-387-0271

Available: Various times

Tim Wadle

Cell: 216-214-7109

Email: twads47@yahoo.com

Available: Any

LAGRANGE

Branko Djordjevic

Cell: 440-655-3749

Available: Any

Charlie Djordjevic

Cell: 440-655-3729

Available: Any

LITCHFIELD


Sandy Turner

Cell: 330-592-9405


Email: sandhueacres@aol.com

Available: Any

Knox Box Flyer



RESIDENTIAL LOCK BOX PROGRAM



The Residential Lock Box Program is intended to provide Fire, Rescue, and Police personnel access to your home in the event of an emergency where you are unable to open the door.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All residents of Liverpool Township who are 65 and older or have special needs or a major medical disability.

IS IT SAFE?

A lock box is installed outside your home near the front door or near the carport to make Fire Department entry quick and easy in time of an emergency. Once the lock box is installed, the fire department will assist the homeowner with locking a spare key to your home inside the lock box. Every piece of fire apparatus (including the ambulance) has a key that will open the lock boxes and gain access to your key. The fire department retains these keys on the apparatus in a secure manner and would use them only in the case of an emergency.



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

It is FREE to participate in this program.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Please contact the VCFD

VALLEY CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
6700 CENTER RD.
VALLEY CITY, OH 44280

330.483.1986
KNOX@VALLEYCITYFIRE.COM

FEBRUARY 2023

	SERVICE	February 5 SUNDAY <i>Communion</i>	February 12 SUNDAY	February 19 SUNDAY <i>Communion</i>	February 22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Communion</i>	February 26 SUNDAY
ELDER	8am	Chris Duran / Steve Kato	Steve Kato	Chris Duran / Steve Kato	Steve Kato / Jim Jackson	Chris Duran
	10:30am	Sam Jakabcic / Jim Jackson	Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic / Jim Jackson		Sam Jakabcic / Jim Jackson
USHERS	8am	Mark Gordon	David Hesketh	Rob Zacharias		Jim Sherry
	10:30am	Rich Proeschel	Eric Gottl	Brian Dearth		Jay Moser
GREETERS	8am	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	David & Mackenzie Duran	Elder	Elder to find volunteers	Dean & Beth Bremke
	10:30am	Elder	Rich & Jenny Proeschel	Elder		Barb Pijor
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						

2023 FEBRUARY CHURCH EVENTS

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

2023 FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Cameron Eckert	2	3 Susan Willkom	4
5	6 Meien Bennett Don 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 (46)	13 Anna Blaine	14	15 Joe & Len Maver (49)	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 Zwingelberg	28 Victoria Becker Tray Read				

2023 FEBRUARY BAPTISMS

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