

THE FORWARD

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
NEWARK, OHIO APRIL 19, 2022



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Here for You Spring is sprung and I am anxious for the weather to dry up a bit so I can get outside and start doing things! I have plans! I got guy stuff to do! Spring makes everything seem possible. The whole world is transforming, why not me too?

I listen to National Public Radio sometimes, and with Spring comes their Spring Fund Drive. They are good at it ... very good. They have to be, because they are trying to sell something they are already giving away free! I don't have to do anything but sit and enjoy it. Why would I feel any need to pay for it? That's the question, isn't it? Why support something already being paid for by others?

The church could learn a thing or two from their efforts. After all we have the same problem. We preach that we are already saved, and that it is all about faith and not so much about money. True and true.

But ...

What it all comes down to, whether talking about public radio or the church, is *do we want it to be here?* It may be hard to put our finger on exactly what we are “paying” for: preaching? community? a building? At the end of the day, I want the church to be here. I need the church to be here, not just for me, but for my children and their children as well. I want to know there is one place we can go to be part of a community that concerns itself with those who have been cast aside, that recognizes the intrinsic worth of nature, that understands that we are part of a bigger world with higher goals, that remembers to give thanks and praise because this is, after all, a beautiful and abundant world. I want to know I have a place to do all these things, and I'm

betting you do too.

Spring makes all things seem possible. As you make your goals for the year, I ask you to ask yourself: do we need the church? If the answer is yes, then please include the church in your plans. We aren't giving away tote bags or ball caps (yet), but with your generous support we will continue to be here for you and for all who need what we have been giving away for the past 2000+ years: Hope, love, acceptance, and transformation. *Pastor Martin*

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Joe McDaniel, Debbie Stamper, Bill Wittman, Linda Smart, Richard Buse, Lee Sidle.

Those with long-term ongoing concerns: Mary Beamer Tambra Simon, Pastor Martin Waack, Milton & Carmella Holman, Ernie Cooperider, Peg Hupp, Starr Cummings, Pamela Graham, Jena Olien-Harris, Logan Johnson, Marshall Rosene, Pastor Betsy, Ruth Swinehart, Ginny Baker, Betty Neighbarger, Wilma Keller, Terry Nelson, Margaret Marx, Rose Godenschwager, Terrie Baker, Alice Smith. ***If you need an address for anyone or wish to add someone to the list, please call the office.***



THE WHEN'S AND THE WHERE'S – If your group is starting up again, please let us know so we can get your information on the church calendar?

- ***ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB*** meets the third Monday evening of each month at 7 p.m. in Weisgerber Lounge.
- ***AA*** meets every Saturday morning at 11 a.m. in Danford Hall and on Fridays at noon.
- ***Friday Fellowship Bible Study*** meets every Friday morning at 10 a.m. in Weisgerber Lounge.
- ***Ruth Circle*** meets next on May 11th at 10:00 a.m. in Danford Hall.
- ***Church Council*** will meet Monday April 25th at 7 p.m.

Notes to the Church and Congregation:

**PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS - Monday,
Tuesday & Wednesday
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment.**



A MORE FAMILIAR NORMAL – Activities at church are resuming. If you have been involved in leading Sunday School classes or other Bible Studies or fellowship groups, now is the time to begin again! As soon as you have dates and times established (after church, etc.) please let the office know so we can get the word out with the Forward or emails!

MASKS AWAY! Due to a drop in infection rates, and in line with the newest CDC guidelines, masks will no longer be required in worship or church group activities. We ask that masks continue to be worn by those who are unvaccinated, and encourage it for those who are immune compromised, or otherwise at increased risk of infection. Let's hope infection rates remain low so we can remain unmasked! We will continue to follow CDC guidance.

ASSET MAPPING: Pastor Martin will lead an "Asset Mapping" event April 24, following worship in which we will explore the various assets we have for mission and how they might be utilized for new ministries. Lunch will be provided.

SHUT-INS – If you are in need of pastoral care, a friendly visit, or would like communion brought to your home, please contact the office and leave a message with Jodie between the hours of 10 and 2. Thanks!

ARE YOU GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE? – The Grief Group meets on the 2nd Wednesdays at 1:30 in Danford Hall. If you would like more information, please contact Thelma Trainor or Jean Hovland.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR RESUMING: If you have a child, grandchild, young neighbor or friend who is interested in singing, we will be restarting our children's choir in March. Please contact Juli Rauch for more information -- jrauch248@gmail.com or (740) 405-8833.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCK BOX SUCCESS! 247 pairs of socks of all shapes and sizes were taken to the YES! Club. Wow-wee that's a lot of socks! The group was very appreciative. Thank you Marti Kolb for spearheading this project! Thank you especially to all who contributed!

SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE It's Here!

St. Paul's will sponsor a rummage and bake sale on Friday, April 22 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and Saturday, April 23 from 9:00 A.M. to Noon. The committee has voted that the proceeds from this event would be divided between the Funeral Luncheon Fund and the Lobby Renovation Fund.



May Anniversaries

1 - Carl & Danette Smitley (46)
8 - Roger & Traci Dupler (29)
9 - Jason & Heidi Bragg (24)
 - Edward & Sheila Carpenter (30)
14 – Ron & Vicky Crist (40)
18 - George & Penny Coleman (48)

19 – Doug & Nancy Berg (26)
22 - Richard & Emily Larson (46)
25 - Dan & Cheri Fischer (37)
26 - Hank & Tammy Trites (32)
28 - Paul, Jr. & Mary Kerr (39)
 Kendell & Jeff Stotts (6)

May Birthdays

1 - Charles Cooperider Michelle Kennard Michael Slebodnik	12 - Kristine Wiersma 14 - June Whiteside 15 - Helen Foster (89) Judy Rauch	Christopher Wiersma 23 – Nancy Berg John Seabright
2 - Donald Miller Carys Williams	16 – Addyson Jones 18 - Sandra Chorpenning Oren Stamper Beverly Swinehart	24 - Jim Rengert (83) Louise Shiels
3 - Janet Gall	19 - Margaret Marx Danette Smitley David Trainor	25 - Shirley Campbell (87) 26 – Connor Mumaw Amber Thatcher Claudia VanWinkle
4 - Lindsay Freytag John Leber	20 - Sally Finck Andy Grangaard Adam Green	27 – Connor Carpenter Paul Kerr, Jr. Liam Peterson David Porter
5 - Logan Hacker 7 – Jade Wilson Ella Young	21 - Jim Casto (81) 22 – Ben DeBacco	28 - Milton Holman (89) 29 – Jocelyn Brown
8 – Dixie Dunlap 10 - Hayleigh Trainor 11 - Jarred Chorpenning Kristin Hoskinson Frank Pastorius, Jr.		

Sunday Volunteers for May 2022

Position	May 1 st	May 8 th	May 15 th	May 22 nd	May 29 th
Cantor	Juli Rauch	Tim Jordan	Ruth Gehring	Kerrill Foster	John Jordan
Church Door Sec	Louise Shiels	Sally Finck	Gail Grangaard	Mary Billy	Julie Ingram
Lector	Dick Shiels	Ainsley Laidlaw-Smith	Sadie Smith	Betsy Kleinknecht	Diane Ganz
Communion Assistant	Mary Billy	Diana Koch	Shirley Campbell	Sadie Smith	Juli Rauch
Usher	Charles Cooperider, Steve Weirisma	Charlie-Laidlaw Smith, Charles Cooperider	Greg Everingham, John Grangaard	Don Miller, Dan Fischer	Florence Knerr, Julie Ingram
Counters	Fred & Lindsay Freytag, Sally Finck	Julie Lamp, Richard & Diana Koch	Sally Finck, Greg & Kim Everingham	Kerrill Foster, Don Miller	Diane Ganz
Bread baker	Greta Blegvad	John Jordan	Kerrill Foster	Terri Beamer	Greta Blegvad

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received 3/6/2022		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 6,311.50	\$39,604.50	Sat. 4 p.m.	16
Benevolence	<u>282.50</u>	<u>1,444.50</u>	Sun. 10 a.m.	50
Total	\$6,594.00	\$ 41,049.00	Weds. 7pm	<u>39</u>
			Total	105

Received 3/13/2022		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 2,257.00	\$41,861.50	Sat. 4 p.m.	11
Benevolence	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,444.50</u>	Sun. 10 a.m.	45
Total	\$2,257.00	\$ 43,306.00	Weds. 7pm	<u>35</u>
			Total	91

Received 3/20/2022		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 3,388.00	\$45,249.50	Sat. 4 p.m.	10
Benevolence	<u>5.00</u>	<u>1,449.50</u>	Sun. 10 a.m.	50
Total	\$3,393.00	\$ 46,699.00	Weds. 7pm	<u>18</u>
			Total	78

Received 3/27/2022		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 2,604.00	\$47,853.50	Sat. 4 p.m.	14
Benevolence	<u>162.00</u>	<u>1,611.50</u>	Sun. 10 a.m.	41
Total	\$2,766.00	\$ 49,465.00	Weds. 7pm	<u>20</u>
			Total	75

*Donations were made to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Denny & Ram Wheeler** and **Shorty Williams** by Dan Hyde. A donation was made to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Denny Wheeler** by Carol Wheeler. An anonymous donation was made to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Larry Kopp**.*

Income for Operations as of March 31, 2022	\$34,526.89
Total Operating Expenses as of March 31, 2022	<u>- 39,174.28</u>
Balance	\$ (4,647.39)

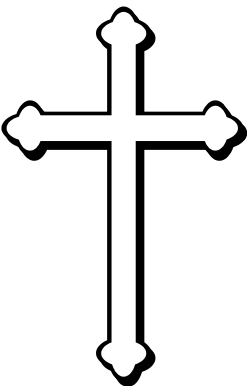
HAPPY
Spring

A hand-drawn illustration featuring the text "HAPPY Spring". The word "HAPPY" is written in a simple, uppercase, sans-serif font. The word "Spring" is written in a highly decorative, cursive script. To the left of "Spring" is a small flower with a stem and two leaves. Above the letter 'i' in "Spring" is a small heart. To the right of "Spring" is a sun with rays. Above the word "HAPPY" is a large, stylized exclamation point that is filled with diagonal hatching lines.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**SUNDAY
SCHEDULE**
Traditional Worship
10 a.m.



**SATURDAY
WORSHIP**
4 p.m. year-round

*"The Mission of St. Paul's
Evangelical Lutheran
Church is to **SHARE**, at all
times and with all people,
the Good News of **GOD'S
GRACE**, through
CHRIST JESUS."*

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