

THE FORWARD

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
NEWARK, OHIO JULY 18, 2023



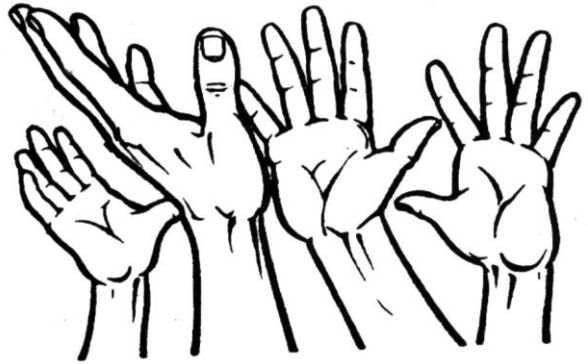
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God's Work, Our Hands

St. Paul's has been an active participant in the ELCA's "God's Work, Our Hands" (GWOH) Sunday. This year it is scheduled for the weekend of September 9-10. In the past, this meant someone ran around trying to find a volunteer project or two the congregation could get involved in. This had a



couple of drawbacks: the first was that it isn't always easy to find projects that can use a lot of people; the second was that our varied schedules meant that not everyone could serve at that particular place or time. Introducing GWOH 2.0! The idea is simple: the weekend of September 9-10 we will not come together for the usual worship service; rather, we invite you to use the time normally spent in our worship service and to instead perform acts of *actual service*.

What could you do? You could pick up trash, write to an elected official, clean out someone's flower bed, write a thank you card, make sandwiches for the homeless, hand out socks, visit a shut-in, write an editorial, clean someone's windows ... the possibilities are endless. Afterwards, write a brief paragraph about what you did and email it or send a note to the church, along with your name, to secretary@stpaulselca.org . We will share these with the congregation. My hope is that rather than one communal project, we will see a great patchwork quilt of projects reflecting our individual

interests and abilities!

Since this means a change in our normal worship schedule, I wanted to get this information out to you early so you can plan accordingly. Worship is an important part of what we do as the community of Christ. However, for this one Sunday let's remember that worship is not an end in itself, but rather an equipping for the real work of loving and serving our neighbor!

God bless you all! Pastor Martin

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Rick & Rita Beck, Dee Altmaier, Ruth Swinehart.

Those with long-term ongoing concerns: Harlow Marie Delafuente, Gail Grangaard, Margaret Marx. *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!

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

- ***Sunday School for all ages 9 a.m. see Ruth Graham for details.***
- ***Tuesday Lessons*** – A discussion led by Pastor Martin of the lessons to be read for the coming weekend. Starts at 5:30 p.m. in Weisgerber Lounge.
- ***Friday Night Game Nights*** –meets on the 3rd Friday nights in Weisgerber Lounge! Interested? Bring a favorite game and come join the fun!
- ***The Land of Legend Fly Fisherman*** will begin meeting in Danford Hall on the second, third and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.
- ***ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB*** meets the third Monday evening of each month at 7 p.m. in Weisgerber Lounge. The book for August is *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks.
- ***AA*** meets every Saturday morning at 11 a.m. in Danford Hall and on Tuesdays and Fridays at noon.

- **NA** meets on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. in Danford Hall.
- **Friday Fellowship Bible Study** meets every Friday morning at 10 a.m. in Weisgerber Lounge.
- **Ruth Circle meets next on August 16th at 10:00 a.m.** in Danford Hall.
- **Church Council will meet July 31st at 7 p.m.**
- **Matthew's Kitchen** meets on the 2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
- **Grief Group** meets on the 2nd Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Notes to the Church and Congregation:

IT'S TIME TO SHOP FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS:

Now is the time to catch the sales on back to school supplies. The congregation will again be assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief. A box is placed in the lobby area of the education building to gratefully receive your contributions. It would be wonderful if we could fill at least 60 book bags. If you prefer, you may make a cash contribution and designate it for 'School Kits'. Please bring your donations by 15 August.

The kits provide supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war; are given to children in refugee camps and may also be used in adult literacy classes. Look at the poster on the lobby bulletin board for information about the destination of donations. The following items are included in each school kit:

- **70-80 sheet spiral notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8" x 10-1/2", no loose leaf paper.**
- **Blunt scissors (safety scissors with imbedded steel blades work well)**
- **30-centimeter rulers, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other**
- **Pencil sharpeners**
- **#2 pencils unsharpened with erasers**
- **Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)**
- **Boxes of 24 crayons**
- **2 1/2" erasers (the pink kind)**



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!

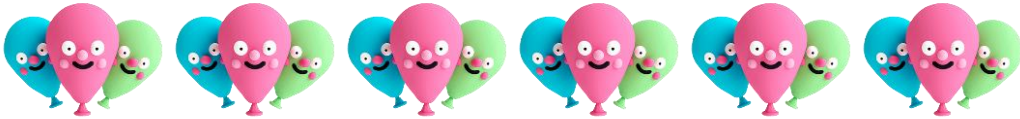
CONGREGATION MEETING AND VOTE RESULTS The vote to approve the repaving of the church parking lot off Locust Street for a total cost of not more than \$68,000 passed unanimously. A paving company will be selected, and work will begin as soon as it can be scheduled. The Licking County Board of Education, which operates the Phoenix School on Church Street and uses our lot, has agreed to contribute \$22,000 toward the project as well as pay St. Paul's an annual rent of \$4,500 moving forward. The remaining funds will be from the Ponser Designated Property Fund and any donations from the congregation.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS! The food pantry collection barrel is currently located across from the office. ***The needs for this month are any foods that can be prepared by a child. Peanut butter and jelly, ramen noodles, mac and cheese cups, etc. With school out many children are fixing their own meals. Please no clothing items.*** As always, all donations are welcome. If you wish to give a monetary donation, mark your offering envelope designated to the "Food Pantry".

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to experience the fellowship we offer by joining us for coffee/tea & occasional snack before or after the 10 a.m. Church Service in the lobby of the educational building each week. A sign up is available for those who can help provide goodies. Coffee donations are always appreciated.

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 Jean Hovland.





August Anniversaries

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| 2 - Kevin & Faith Settles (26) | 19 - Richard & Diana Koch (45) |
| 4 - John & Libby Warnock (50) | 20 - Geoff & Jaye Kaercher (35) |
| 6 - Charlie & Hydi Laidlaw-Smith (29) | 21 - Rick & Tanya Myers (47) |
| 7 - Jim Jackie Casto (53) | 22 - Bill & Christine Robbins (25) |
| 10 - Doug & Cheryl Fulton (48) | 25 - Marty & Dee Altmaier (50) |
| 13 - Will & Jeri Kennard (56) | Tim & Brenda O'Keefe (39) |
| 14 - Mark & Sally Finck (28) | 26 - Troy & Dixie Dunlap (45) |
| Gregg & Elanna Simpkins (13) | 31 - Michael & Cynthia Petrella (27) |
| 17 - Dave & Gloria Metzger (44) | |

August Birthdays

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|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - Linda Wildman | 11 - Logan Bragg | Jacob Poston |
| 2 - Ashley Baker | Aiden Carpenter | 21 - Ashton Hall |
| Cayden Leang | Evan Hodges | Jodie Jones |
| Megan Swisher | 12 - Cynthia Flowers | 22 - Melissa Molden |
| 3 - Sheila Cline | 13 - Laura McDaniel | 23 - Hannah Watkins |
| Wayne Marx | Kiera Miller | Karleigh Stotts |
| 4 - Rose Godenschwager | Ron Wheeler | 25 - Jackie Sainsbury |
| Levi Holloway | Linda Woolard | 26 - Jacob Thorpe |
| 5 - Mary Lou Heatwole | 14 - Jordan Harble | 27 - Jackie Casto |
| (91) | Maggie Harble | 29 - Dan Campbell |
| Lynn Hostetter | Katie Miller | 30 - Jana Hovland |
| Cheryl Trainor | 16 - Amy Anderson | Jack Metcalf (87) |
| 6 - Susan Wagenheim | 17 - Suzanne McElfresh | Tim O'Keefe |
| 8 - Sadie Smith | 18 - Linda Slebodnik | 31 - Alexandrina Wolf |
| 9 - Ellie Crane | Carol Wheeler (91) | |
| Richard Pound | 19 - Linda Smart (81) | |
| Gayla Richmond | 20 - Ann Altmaier | |
| 10 - Wanda Barrett | Maggie Fuller | |

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received 6/4/2023		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 2,744.00	\$80,145.16	Sat. 4 p.m.	10
Benevolence	<u>240.00</u>	<u>2,505.00</u>	Sun. 10 a.m.	<u>53</u>
Total	\$2,984.00	\$ 82,650.16	Total	63

Received 6/11/2023		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 3,122.00	\$83,267.16	Sat. 4 p.m.	11
Benevolence	<u>110.00</u>	<u>2,615.00</u>	Sun. 10 a.m.	<u>50</u>
Total	\$3,232.00	\$ 85,882.16	Total	61

Received 6/18/2023		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 1,267.00	\$84,534.16	Sat. 4 p.m.	10
Benevolence	<u>10.00</u>	<u>2,625.00</u>	Sun. 10 a.m.	<u>44</u>
Total	\$1,277.00	\$ 87,159.16	Total	54

Received 6/25/2023		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 1,475.00	\$86,009.16	Sat. 4 p.m.	11
Benevolence	<u>30.00</u>	<u>2,655.00</u>	Sun. 10 a.m.	<u>50</u>
Total	\$1,505.00	\$ 88,664.16	Total	61

Thank you Thrivent Choice members, for your donations to St. Paul's!

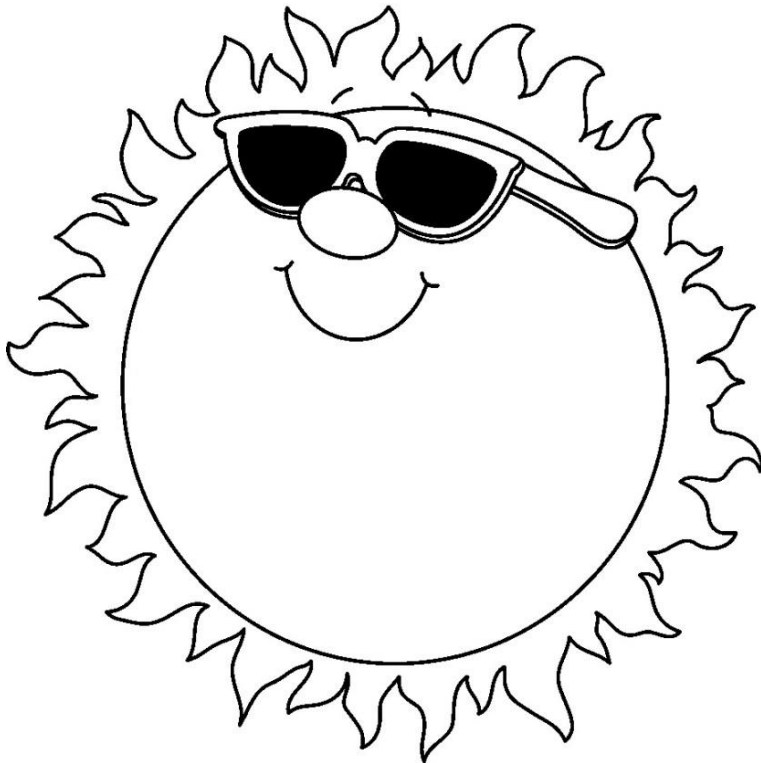
*A donation was made to the flower fund in memory of **Helen Foster** by Marty and Dee Altmaier.*

Thrive! Campaign \$36,375 Pledged \$6,384 Paid in 2023
\$18,192 paid in total. \$18,003 outstanding pledges

Income for Operations as of June 30, 2023	\$88,732.77
Total Operating Expenses as of June 30, 2023	<u>-127,048.30</u>
<u>Balance</u>	\$ (38,315.53)

Sunday Volunteers for August 2023

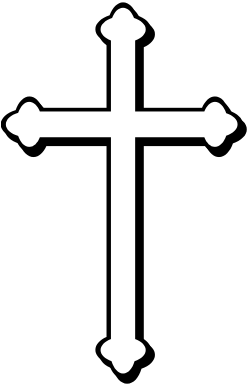
Position	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Cantor	Ruth Gehring	Tim Jordan	Volunteer needed!	Juli Rauch
Lector	Diane Ganz	Ainsley Laidlaw-Smith	Mark Finck	Betsy Kleinknecht
Com. Assistant	Liam Peterson	Diana Koch	Addison Laidlaw-Smith	Mandy John
Usher	Fred Freytag, Charles Cooperider, Steve Weirisma	Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Charles Cooperider	Greg Everingham, John Grangaard	Don Miller, Jerry Young
Counters	Fred & Lindsay Freytag, Sally Finck	Julie Lamp, Richard & Diana Koch	Sally Finck, Greg & Kim Everingham	Geoff Kaercher, Don Miller



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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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