

THE FORWARD

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
NEWARK, OHIO *FEBRUARY 15, 2022*



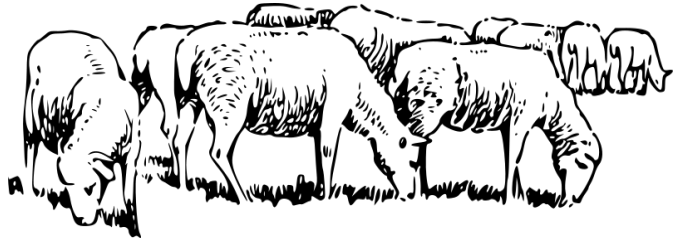
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Feed My Sheep

At our last council meeting, Tim Jordan, our council president, announced his intention to go to seminary. He has been thinking about this for



a long time but has only now decided to move ahead. He has entered into the synod candidacy program and started his first class (Church History II) at Trinity Seminary in Columbus. He is still exploring whether he might best serve the church as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, or a Minister of Service and Word (The first most often serves as a general pastor of a congregation, while the latter tends to serve in a more specialized capacity, i.e. as a minister of education, visitation, etc.).

I wish I could claim credit for this, that somehow it was my teaching, preaching, and example that awakened this sense of vocation. But having started only last August, this seems highly unlikely. No, I did not lay the groundwork for this decision, you did. Tim and his family are long-time members of St. Paul. He has been raised in this congregation. You are the ones who taught, nurtured, and led him. You are the ones who helped fulfill the promise made at his baptism to “teach him the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments ... and to place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith.” Most importantly, you are the ones who, by your own faithfulness, generosity, and service, have modeled the Christian life so that Tim might discover in it a source of purpose, satisfaction and, most importantly, *joy*.

I am confident that we will continue to nurture and support Tim as he moves

through seminary. It is not an easy journey. He will spend four years preparing to become a leader in the church, requiring a lot of time, effort, and money, but leaders are desperately needed. Last year our synod received only two new rostered leaders – *two*. Tim is going to be a great leader. He has experienced congregational life at every level. He begins this new journey with eyes wide open. I very much look forward to walking with him along this road and I hope you do too! St. Paul has an existing endowment fund to help support those pursuing a vocation in the church. If you would like to contribute, please make your check out to St. Paul, and indicate on the envelope that it is for the seminary fund. God bless you all! *Pastor Martin*

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Debbie Stamper, Betty Gehring, Dave Ritchie (Kerrill Foster's neighbor), **Bill Wittman, Linda Smart, Richard Buse** (Terri Beamer's brother), **Lee Sidle**, (friend of Gene Lamp).



Those with long-term ongoing concerns: Mary Beamer

(now in hospice care), 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.***

Sunday Volunteers for March 2022

Position	Mar 6th	Mar 13th	Mar 20th	Mar 27th
Cantor	Dustin Hill	Tim Jordan	Ruth Gehring	Kerrill Foster
Lector	Kathy Jordan	Ainsley Laidlaw-Smith	Jerry Young	Tim Jordan
Usher	Charles Cooperider	Charlie-Laidlaw Smith	Greg Everingham	Don Miller
Counters	Fred & Lindsay Freytag, Sally Finck	Julie Lamp, Richard & Diana Koch	Sally Finck, Greg & Kim Everingham	Kerrill Foster, Don Miller

***Flower and Candles are available for February and March.
Please contact the church office if you can donate towards
the flowers or sanctuary candles.***

March Birthdays

1 - Terrie Baker	Laura Triplett	Joe McDaniel
Chay Leang	11 - Dan Fischer	20 - Matthew Berg
3 - Gene Lamp	Benjamin Leber	23 - Allison Gehring
4 - Belinda Baker	14 - Kim Everingham	Carole Carter
5 - Greg Everingham	John McElfresh	Craig Wolf
Erin Daly-Zinn	15 - Jim Eastman	24 - Bob Brooker
Amanda John	16 - Linda Cline	28 - Gloria Popovich
7 - Anna Sayatovich	17 - Geoff Kaercher	29 - Kristal Kinser
9 - Benjamin Ricciardo	Ashley Shaw	Willard Stamper
Sally Smith	18 - Anne Daly	31 - Cheryl Fulton
10 - Will Kennard	Bonita Levy	Alexander Ricciardo
Julia McCormack	19 - Ainsley Laidlaw-Smith	Matthias Young

March Anniversaries

2 - Willard & Deborah Stamper (54)	21 - Gene & Linda Crawmer (52)
12 - Carl & Suzanne McElfresh (29)	29 - Richard & Carol Amore (54)
Craig & Alexandrina Wolf (31)	29 - Gene & Rita Ricketts (42)
17 - Nick & Belinda Baker (54)	31 - Bill & Judy Rauch (54)

Notes to the Church and Congregation:

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

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!

ST PATRICK'S DAY SOCK BOX! We will be collecting socks of all sizes for the Yes Club again this year. Please look for the "Sock Box" in the narthex at the back of the church. All sorts and sizes of socks are appreciated. Socks are one of the most requested shelter items. The Yes club serves area teens, but tell us that smaller socks are very welcome as they are taken home to younger siblings. Please look for the box to remain at the back of the church through March 20th.

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND VOTE FEBRUARY 26TH AND 27TH during the services Two individuals came forward to volunteer, and will be running to fill the empty seats on Congregational Council. To better reflect the current size of the congregation, council will now have eight members, the Pastor and the nonvoting Financial Secretary. Please see below for the biographies of the two people running for council:

Joe McDaniel is running for his second term on Council. He and his family have been members of the church for over 15 years. Joe is currently serving as assistant treasurer for the church.

Sadie Smith is a retired librarian & member of St. Paul's for 35 years. She's been active in our church's music program, which was a major factor in her desire to join this congregation way back when and has also served as lector, communion assistant, and occasional bell choir substitute. Sadie traveled with the group when we visited Wittenburg in 2017. Recently she served on the hiring committees for our organist and choir director and as a member of the call committee which recommended Pastor Gehring.



Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

This year Ash Wednesday is March 2, 2022. As in years past, we will hold an Ash Wednesday Service. The Service will begin at 7 p.m.

In addition, St. Paul's will hold in-person Wednesday evening services of Evening Prayer. These services will take place on the next five Wednesday evenings of March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, and April 6th. These services will begin at 7 p.m. *Due to COVID restrictions and limitations, we will not be having pot luck suppers prior to the Wednesday services.* Please look for additional information in upcoming bulletins.



SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

St. Paul's hopes to 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. Whether we are able to have this event depends on the number of men and women volunteers available. Starting the end of February we will have a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you may phone the church

during office hours (between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. weekdays) to donate your time for a 3 hour block of sale time or for setting up or boxing left-overs.

For the first time we also hope to have an 'Antique and Collectables' room for items of greater value. These items would be valued and priced individually.

The committee has voted that the proceeds from this event would be divided between the Funeral Luncheon Fund and the Lobby Renovation Fund. Please consider volunteering for this event which helps congregation members find new homes for items they no longer need as well as benefiting the community.

Items may be dropped off at the church during office hours starting on Monday, April 18th. (No TV's or monitors that are not flat screen, computers, printers, cellphones, or soiled items will be accepted.) If it is not possible to drop items off, you may phone Diane Ganz (740-344-9141) to make other arrangements.

Our next organizational meeting will be Saturday March 12th at 9:00 a.m. Please make plans to attend if you can help. A light breakfast will be provided.

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 March 9th at 10:15 to noon in Danford Hall.
- ***Church Council*** will meet Monday February 28th at 7 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received 1/2/2022		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 10,510.00	\$10,510.00	Sat. 4 p.m.	11
Benevolence	<u>105.00</u>	<u>105.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m.	<u>35</u>
Total	\$10,615.00	\$ 10,615.07	Total	46

Received 1/9/2022		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 3,691.00	\$14,201.00	Sat. 4 p.m.	8
Benevolence	<u>105.00</u>	<u>210.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m.	<u>40</u>
Total	\$3,796.00	\$ 14,411.00	Total	48

Received 1/16/2022		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 2,521.00	\$16,722.00	Sat. 4 p.m.	10
Benevolence	<u>190.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m.	<u>43</u>
Total	\$2,711.00	\$ 17,122.00	Total	53

Received 01/23/2022		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 2,040.00	\$18,762.00	Sat. 4 p.m.	12
Benevolence	<u>5.00</u>	<u>405.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m.	<u>41</u>
Total	\$2,045.00	\$ 19,167.00	Total	53

Received 1/30/2022		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 3,710.00	\$22,471.00	Sat. 4 p.m.	13
Benevolence	<u>165.00</u>	<u>570.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m.	<u>46</u>
Total	\$3,875.00	\$ 23,041.00	Total	59

Total Income for Operations as of January 31, 2022	\$23,147.76
Total Operating Expenses as of January 31, 2022	<u>- 20,521.45</u>
<u>Balance</u>	\$ 2,626.31



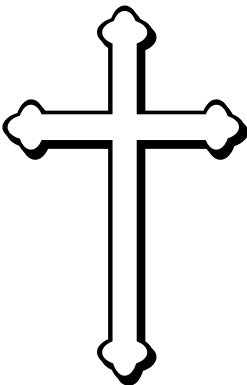
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**SUNDAY
SCHEDULE**
Traditional Worship
10 a.m.



**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."*