

# THE FORWARD

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
NEWARK, OHIO SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

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Congregation Council President: Jerry Young

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## Learn Something!

I always looked forward to the start of school. Yeah, I was nerdy that way. Mom would take me shopping for some new clothes, leading me to imagine just how cool I would look (Of course, the new jeans would be too blue and too stiff, so I would spend the next week scuffing, stretching, and stomping on them to make them presentable), then it was on to the school supplies: new pencils, pens, and notebooks. You could buy one with a cleverly concealed radio in the binding, and with malice aforethought, I imagined how I would put one over on the math teacher, secretly listening to rock n' roll while he droned on (as if he wouldn't notice the cord twisting up to my ear). The fantasy didn't last long; they were banned after the first week. But mostly I enjoyed learning stuff. Really. At that age I was acutely aware of how I was growing, physically and mentally. I was becoming a new person, growing into a future that was as exciting as it was unknown. The world was a big place, and I had a lot to learn.

I still do. The world has only grown larger, and every day presents new opportunities for growth. At St. Paul's we offer various opportunities for just that! In addition to my weekly lessons study, exploring the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday, Lindsey Cochran (one of our newer members!) is offering a class on the book of Ruth, meeting on Saturday mornings at 11am. There is also Pastor Betsy Williams' study of civic life and faith, exploring the sometimes turbulent intersection of church and state, religion and politics, that meets Mondays at 7pm. Diane Ganz leads a monthly book club (third Monday, 7pm), Ruth Graham leads a class Sunday mornings ... I suddenly realize I don't have space here to list all the possibilities! There are

other bible studies, music and art opportunities, you can even learn the finer points of fly fishing! Check out the weekly announcements and the Forward for all the possibilities! But most importantly, pick one (or more) and go! The world is only getting larger, and there is so much to learn.

Bless you all (and especially our teachers!)

Pastor Martin

**Please keep the following people in your prayers:  
*Judy Seabright, Terry Nelson and Ruth Swinehart.***

**Those with long-term ongoing concerns: *The Family of Franc Pastorious, Betsy Lewis and Jim Brown.* 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.***
- ***The Book of Ruth*** – Bible Study 11 a.m. Saturdays
- ***Civic Life and Faith*** – Mondays 7 p.m.
- ***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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- **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 October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** in Danford Hall.
- **Church Council will meet September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**
- **Matthew's Kitchen** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30 p.m.
- **Grief Group** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

### Notes to the Church and Congregation:

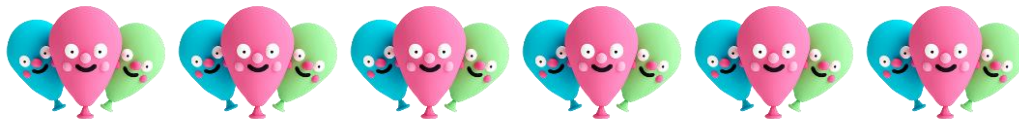
**SHUT-INS** – If you are in need of pastoral care, a friendly visit, or would like communion brought to your home, please contact the office and leave a message with Jodie between the hours of 10 and 2. Thanks!

**SO WHAT DID YOU DO?** Please remember to send a note or an email to the church telling us how you were God's presence in the world during "God's Work, Our Hands" weekend! We will be sharing all the marvelous things we did with 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".

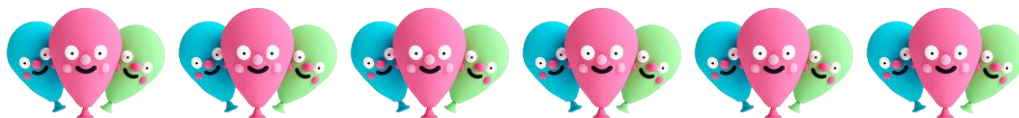
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME** to experience the fellowship we offer by joining us for coffee/tea & occasional snack before or after the 10 a.m. Church Service in the lobby of the educational building each week. A sign up is available for those who can help provide goodies. Coffee donations are always appreciated.

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



### October Anniversaries

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 3 - Bob & Michele Brooker (35)      | 19- Pete & Kathy Plante (10)       |
| 4 - Jerry Young & Mandy John (26)   | 21 - Matt & Jill Mumaw (23)        |
| 5 - Don & Stephanie Strobe III (10) | 23 - John & Belinda Seabright (24) |
| 6 - Carl & Teresa Beamer (39)       |                                    |
| 16 – Kala & Kevin Watkins (2)       |                                    |



### October Birthdays

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 -Ann Fuller            | Sarah Swisher              | 21 - Paul Harble     |
| 2 -Bob Swisher           | 11 - Gabrielle Pastorius   | 24 - Kerrill Foster  |
| Vicci Walters            | 13 - Marty Altmaier(81)    | Patricia Justice     |
| 5 -Wanda Cooperider (86) | Christine Robbins          | Linda Kerr           |
| 6 -Lauren Grangaard      | 14 - Tyler Thacher         | Brenda O=Keefe       |
| 7 -Ruth Graham           | Rachel Steiner             | Harry Wolfe (82)     |
| 8 -Michelle Billy        | 15 - Eleanor Crews         | 25 – Matt Hummel     |
| 9 -Gail Grangaard        | 16 - Gladys Schoffner (88) | Miriam Truex         |
| Jeri Kennard             | 17 - David Bowen           | 26 - Suzanne Wittman |
| Jennifer Rebecca         | Shaun O=Keefe              | 28 - Jason Bragg     |
| Ricciardo                | Bill Robbins               | Chris Truex          |
| 10 –William Gehring      | 19 - Samuel Leber          | 30 – Ruth Gehring    |
| Debbie Anctil            | 20 - Mary Harble           | Vickie Zigan         |
| Roger Dupler             | Michael Smith              | 31 - Susan Woolard   |

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Received 8/6/2023		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	\$ 3,981.00	\$107,196.16	Sat. 4 p.m. 14
Benevolence	<u>245.00</u>	<u>3,390.00</u>	Sun. 10 a.m. <u>56</u>
Total	\$4,226.00	\$ 110,586.16	Total 70

Received 8/13/2023		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	\$ 2,843.00	\$110,039.16	Sat. 4 p.m. 14
Benevolence	<u>45.00</u>	<u>3,435.00</u>	Sun. 10 a.m. <u>58</u>
Total	\$2,888.00	\$ 100,606.16	Total 72

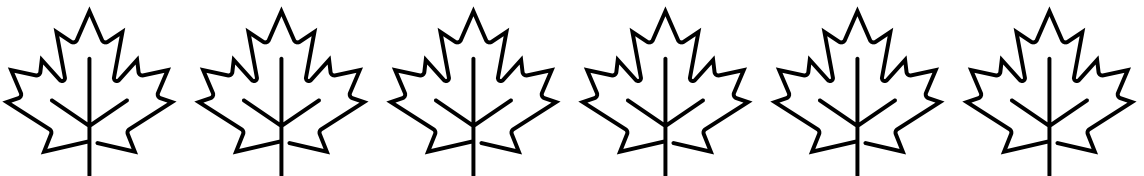
Received 8/20/2023		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	\$ 1,930.75	\$111,969.91	Sat. 4 p.m. 12
Benevolence	<u>15.00</u>	<u>3,450.00</u>	Sun. 10 a.m. <u>50</u>
Total	\$1,945.75	\$ 115,419.91	Total 62

Received 8/27/2023		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	\$ 2,272.00	\$114,241.91	Sat. 4 p.m. 12
Benevolence	<u>35.00</u>	<u>3,485.00</u>	Sun. 10 a.m. <u>59</u>
Total	\$2,307.00	\$ 117,726.91	Total 71

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

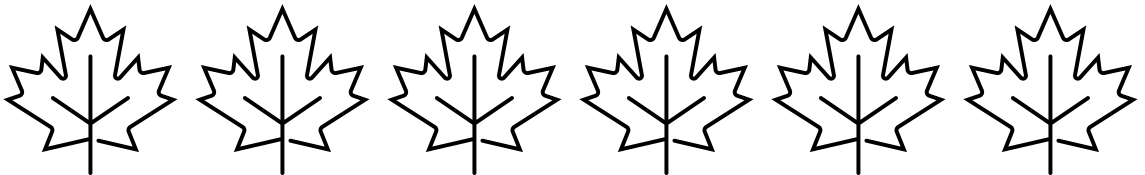
***Thrive! Campaign \$36,375 Pledged    \$7,515 Paid in 2023  
\$19,503 paid in total.    \$16,872 outstanding pledges***

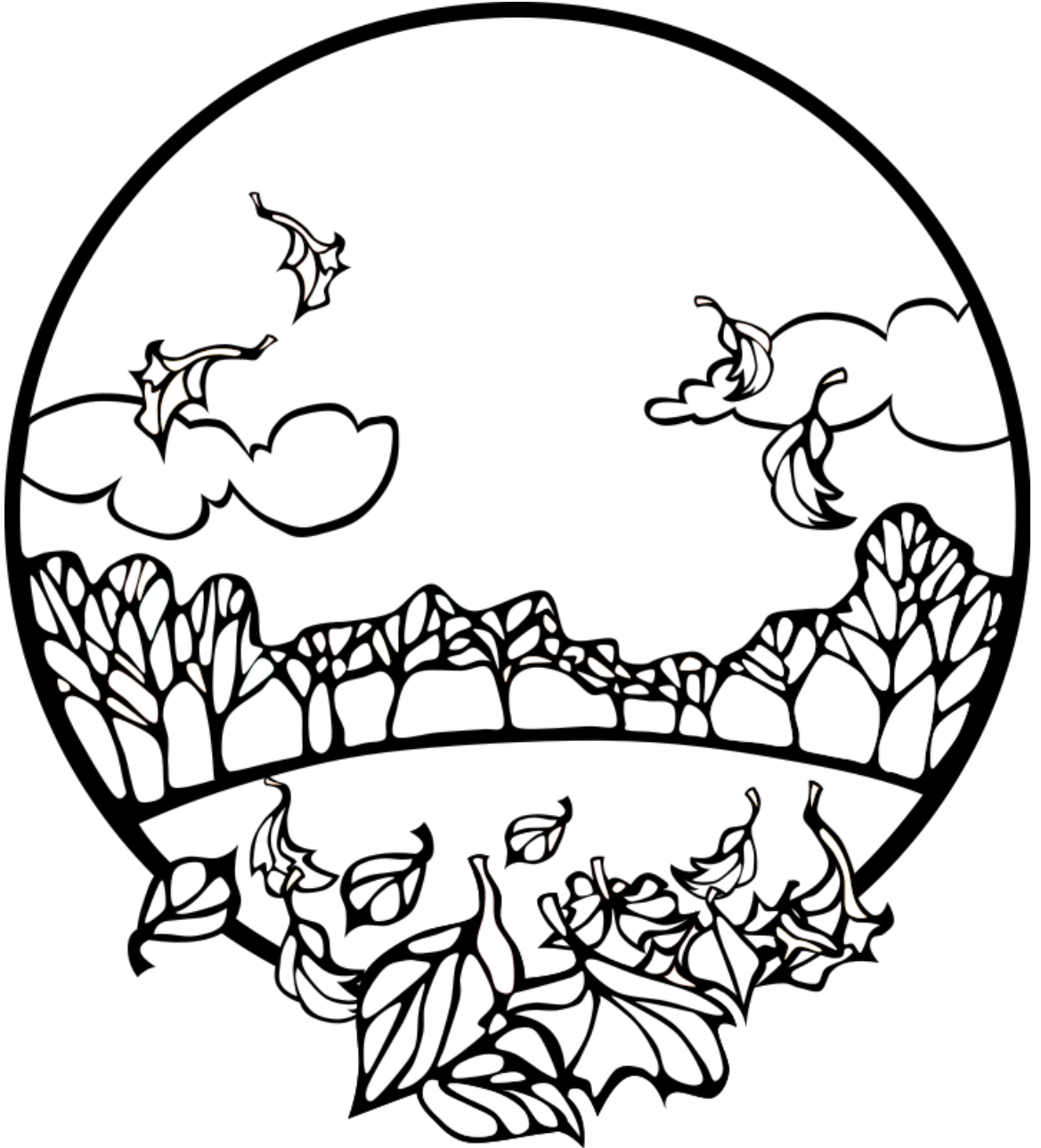
Income for Operations as of August 31, 2023	\$119,872.46
Total Operating Expenses as of August 31, 2023	<u>-166,099.81</u>
<b><u>Deficit</u></b>	<b>\$ (46,227.35)</b>



## Sunday Volunteers for October 2023

Position	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29
<b>Cantor</b>	Ruth Gehring	Tim Jordan	Juli Rauch	Ruth Gehring	Tim Jordan
<b>Lector</b>	Gerry Billy	Kathy Jordan	Anne Daly	Dick Shiels	Diane Ganz
<b>Com. Assistant</b>	Mary Billy	Diana Koch	Addison Laidlaw-Smith	Greta Blegvad	Kerrill Foster
<b>Usher</b>	Fred Freytag, Charles Cooperider, Steve Weirisma	Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Charles Cooperider	Greg Everingham, John Grangaard	Don Miller, Jerry Young, Charles Cooperider	Charles Cooperider, Florence Knerr, Dan Fischer
<b>Counters</b>	Fred & Lindsay Freytag, Sally Finck	Julie Lamp,	Sally Finck, Greg & Kim Everingham	Geoff Kaercher, Don Miller	Diane Ganz, Kerrill Foster





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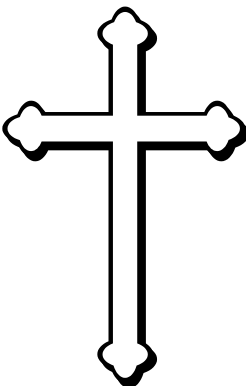
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**SUNDAY  
SCHEDULE**  
Traditional Worship  
10 a.m.



**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.**"*