

# THE FORWARD

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



Church Phone: 740-345-6115 Web Site: <[www.stpaulselca.org](http://www.stpaulselca.org)>  
Pastor: Martin P. Gehring  
Office Hours: M T W 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. or by appointment  
Congregation Council President: Tim Jordan  
Office Secretary: Jodie Nickles  
Church Phone: 740-345-6115

Cell phone: 586.864.4004

email: [trjordan4281@gmail.com](mailto:trjordan4281@gmail.com)  
Mon-Fri 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Web Site: [www.stpaulselca.org](http://www.stpaulselca.org)

## Beauty and Revelation

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July has come and gone. Not being one who likes big crowds, Ruth and I opted to remain quietly at home. Being up on a hill, as the sun set, we were able to look out over Newark and the surrounding area and watch 4 separate fireworks displays lighting up the horizon. No sound; just the quiet starbursts of human celebration. It was beautiful!

When they were finished, we went out back to the deck to watch the fireflies in our back yard. The whole area was awash in flashing glory as these small creatures, given only two months to live, in a frantic display of urgent mortality, sought to leave their mark on the world. At the same time, looking up we saw their micro-drama reflected overhead in the calm serenity of the stars. Yet even these seeming eternal sentinels were flashing in their own way, a dance of ages rather than days. And again, it was all beautiful!

Certainly, there are times I have trouble seeing God in this world. Blinded as I am by the glare of evil, I despair of catching a glimpse of something good and holy. But then I remember the words of the apostle Paul, who in his letter to the Romans writes, *“Ever since the creation of the world [God’s] eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made.”* The distant pop of fireworks, the fleeting flash of fireflies, the serene blaze of stars overhead ... these too are vehicles of revelation. In these too there is glory. And while it may not be given to me to see God face-to-face, in these I feel that God has come near. And it is enough for now.

It is enough. *Pastor Martin*

Please keep the following people in your prayers: **Terry Nelson, Mary Beamer, Helen Foster, Mark Anctil, The McDaniel family, Debbie Stamper, Linda Smart, Richard Buse, Lee Sidle.**



**Those with long-term ongoing concerns:** Mary Beamer, Tandra 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. ***If you need an address for anyone or wish to add someone to the list, please call the office.***

*An additional check from St. Paul's for \$220 was sent to Nikki (Kathleen) McDaniel for the Children's Education Fund. This amount does not include checks made directly to Kathleen McDaniel.*

### **HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO RUTH SWINEHART!!!**

Ruth turns 100 years young on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Cards may be send to her in care of:  
Arlington Care Center, 98 S 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Newark, OH 43055

**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 Tuesdays and Fridays at noon.
- **NA** meets 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 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Danford Hall.
- **Church Council** will meet Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.
- **Matthew's Kitchen** meets 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:

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

**Guten Tag from Germany!** I visited the tree by the Lutherhaus that we planted with St. Bartholomew's. It is green and growing! *Tim Jordan\**

*\*Tim, our Council President and St. Paul's seminarian was attending a seminar in Germany as part of his studies at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. His classes begin officially in August. If you would like to help support Tim as he studies to be a pastor, please make a note of your gift on your offering envelope. Kerrill*

**Dear Friends at St. Paul's** Thank you so much for your support at such a difficult time. Thank you for attending Joe's calling hours and service. Thank you for the wonderful lunch after. Thank you for your generous gift for Laura and Ethan's college fund. Most of all, thank you for your prayers and kindness. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. *Nikki, Laura & Ethan*

**Sunday Volunteers Needed!** If you are willing to lead the service music, usher or lector on Sunday mornings, please let Jodie, Kerrill or Dustin know. Thanks!

**Services Continue!** Next outdoor service, weather permitting, will be August 21<sup>st</sup>, outside on the green space behind the church. Remember to bring a lawn chair and come join us. Outdoor services will continue, weather permitting on the third Sunday of September and maybe, October.

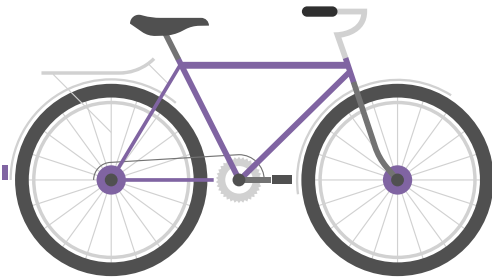
**ATTENTION: Now is the time to catch the sales on back to school supplies.** WELCA and children of the congregation will again be assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will place a box in the lobby area of the education building by mid-July to gratefully receive your contributions. It 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'.

**SCHOOL 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. 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) secured with a rubber band
- 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!

**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 Thelma Trainor or Jean Hovland.



## August Anniversaries

- |                                       |                                      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2 - Kevin & Faith Settles (25)        | 19 - Richard & Diana Koch (44)       |
| 4 - John & Libby Warnock (49)         | 20 - Geoff & Jaye Kaercher (34)      |
| 6 - Charlie & Hydi Laidlaw-Smith (28) | 21 - Rick & Tanya Myers (46)         |
| 7 - Jim & Jackie Casto (52)           | 22 - Bill & Christine Robbins (24)   |
| 10 - Doug & Cheryl Fulton (47)        | 25 - Marty & Dee Altmaier (49)       |
| 13 - Will & Jeri Kennard (55)         | Tim & Brenda O'Keefe (38)            |
| 14 - Mark & Sally Finck (27)          | 26 - Troy & Dixie Dunlap (44)        |
| Gregg & Elanna Simpkins (12)          | 31 - Michael & Cynthia Petrella (26) |
| 17 - Dave & Gloria Metzger (43)       |                                      |

## August Birthdays

- |                        |                        |                       |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - Ginny Jackson (97) | Richard Pound          | 19 - Linda Smart (80) |
| Linda Wildman          | Gayla Richmond         | 20 - Ann Altmaier     |
| 2 - Ashley Baker       | 10 - Wanda Barrett     | Maggie Fuller         |
| Cayden Leang           | 11 - Logan Bragg       | Jacob Poston          |
| Megan Swisher          | Aiden Carpenter        | 21 - Ashton Hall      |
| 3 - Sheila Cline       | Evan Hodges            | Jodie Jones           |
| Wayne Marx             | 12 - Cynthia Flowers   | 22 - Melissa Molden   |
| 4 - Rose               | 13 - Laura McDaniel    | 23 - Hannah Watkins   |
| Godenschwager          | Kiera Miller           | Karleigh Stotts       |
| Levi Holloway          | Ron Wheeler            | 25 - Jackie Sainsbury |
| Jane King (86)         | Linda Woolard          | 26 - Jacob Thorpe     |
| 5 - Mary Lou Heatwole  | 14 - Jordan Harble     | 27 - Jackie Casto     |
| (90)                   | Maggie Harble          | 29 - Dan Campbell     |
| Lynn Hostetter         | Katie Miller           | 30 - Jana Hovland     |
| Cheryl Trainor         | 16 - Amy Anderson      | Jack Metcalf          |
| 6 - Susan Wagenheim    | 17 - Suzanne McElfresh | Tim O'Keefe           |
| 8 - Sadie Smith        | 18 - Linda Slebodnik   | 31 - Alexandrina Wolf |
| 9 - Ellie Crane        | Carol Wheeler (90)     |                       |

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Received 6/5/2022	Year to Date	Attendance
Current \$ 3,062.00	\$82,149.50	Sat. 4 p.m. 8
Benevolence <u>110.00</u>	<u>2,631.50</u>	Sun. 10 a.m. <u>44</u>
Total \$3,172.00	\$ 84,781.00	Total 52

Received 6/12/2022	Year to Date	Attendance
Current \$ 2,989.00	\$85,138.50	Sat. 4 p.m. 9
Benevolence <u>70.00</u>	<u>2,701.50</u>	Sun. 10 a.m. <u>45</u>
Total \$3,059.00	\$ 87,840.00	Total 54

Received 6/19/2022	Year to Date	Attendance
Current \$ 1,835.00	\$86,973.50	Sat. 4 p.m. 7
Benevolence <u>15.00</u>	<u>2,716.50</u>	Sun. 10 a.m. <u>48</u>
Total \$2,860.00	\$ 89,690.00	Total 55

Received 6/26/2022	Year to Date	Attendance
Current \$ 1,338.00	\$88,311.50	Sat. 4 p.m. 7
Benevolence <u>10.00</u>	<u>2,726.50</u>	Sun. 10 a.m. <u>39</u>
Total \$1,348.00	\$ 91,038.00	Total 46

*Thank you Thrivent Choice members for your donations to St. Paul's!  
A donation was made to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Alice Smith** by  
the Alpha Pi Sigma Sorority.*

Income for Operations as of May 31, 2022	\$84,641.55
Total Operating Expenses as of May 31, 2022	- 100,927.22
<b><u>Balance</u></b>	<b>\$ (16,285.67)</b>

## Sunday Volunteers for August 2022

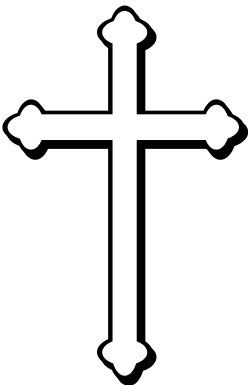
Position	Aug 7	Aug 14	Aug 21	Aug 28
<b>Cantor</b>	Juli Rauch	Tim Jordan	Ruth Gehring	Kerrill Foster
<b>Church Door Sec</b>	Volunteer needed!	Sally Finck	Gail Grangaard	Mary Billy
<b>Lector</b>	Liam Peterson	Addison Laidlaw-Smith	Shirley Campbell	Gerry Billy
<b>Com. Assistant</b>	Anne Daly	Diana Koch	Shirley Campbell	Mary Billy
<b>Usher</b>	Fred Freytag, Charles Cooperider, Steve Weirsma	Charlie-Laidlaw Smith, Charles Cooperider	Greg Everingham, John Grangaard	Don Miller, Dan Fischer
<b>Counters</b>	Fred & Lindsay Freytag, Sally Finck	Julie Lamp, Richard & Diana Koch	Sally Finck, Greg & Kim Everingham	Kerrill Foster, Don Miller



THE FORWARD July 19, 2022  
St. Pauls Ev. Lutheran Church  
67 North Fifth Street  
Newark, OH 43055-5031

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.**"*

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
Newark, OH 43055  
Permit Number 117