



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We celebrate God's love and forgiveness by living the Word and sharing the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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ST. PAUL "MESSENGER"

FEBRUARY ~ 2024

By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19)

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

Do you know what day February 14th is? It's *Valentine's Day!* A day dedicated to love. The day for saying, "I love you!" to loved ones near and far. The day for showing love and kindness to neighbors we know and to strangers we hardly know at all. Children are encouraged to hand out Valentine cards to classmates, and we eat heart-shaped sugar candies with cute, "luv" words on written on them. Love is *Valentine's Day*.

This year February 14th is also *Ash Wednesday*, a day we are reminded we will die and return to the earth. The dust placed on our foreheads also traces the life-giving cross placed there in our baptism. A cross that remains there forever. This February 14th begins a forty-day journey that finishes at the foot of the cross where Christ's body is lifted up to die. It is written in John 15:13, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends". The day of love seems perfect for beginning the walk to Jerusalem with Jesus, through whom God's love came to earth!

Often, we associate Lent with a time of sacrifice, and so we feel the need to "give something up". Many times, the things we give up, say for example eating chocolate, last as long as a New Year's resolution—Not Very Long! Adding a spiritual practice to the Lenten routine may reveal a need or desire for spending time quality time with God. In so doing, it may facilitate a spiritual rest contributing to better wellness. How about adding a Bible Study to your routine!

"A Time to Rest" is the title of the 2024 Northwestern Ohio Synod Bible Study based on Hebrews 4:9, "So then, a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God." This seven-week course of study will be offered as a Lenten spiritual practice beginning Ash Wednesday and concluding on Good Friday. The time for the study will be 5:45pm Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Then on Wednesdays February 21, 28, March 6, 13, and 20 at 5:00pm, and Good Friday, March 29, at 5:45pm. This journey of biblical reflection based on the 7 types of active rest will take place in the library.

The meditations for this year's mid-week services will reflect on some familiar hymns and how they speak to us as we move toward the cross. The hymns chosen for the meditations are: "How Great Thou Art" (Praising God) "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (About Jesus) "Just as I Am" (God's Forgiveness) "Be Thou My Vision" (Presence, Light, and Vision) and "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (The Beauty of God's Faithfulness). Souper Wednesdays are back beginning February 21st: Bible Study @ 5pm, Soup Supper @ 6pm, Worship & Kid's Praise @ 7pm. Come, walk in the light of the Lord.

In Christ's Love,
Minister Deb

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 – 7:00PM

Attendance: Minister Deb Noll, Natalie McClelland, Jake Leu, Jane Follas, Mary Coldren, Emily Clark, Tom Marquart, Deb Clevenger, Nathan Cowan, Jacob Orwick, Amy Gibson, Bart and Jen Welte.

CALL TO ORDER – Laurie Laird

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 pm and introduced new members. Minister Deb shared devotions and all recited the Council prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved following Minister Deb’s report.

MINISTER’S REPORT – Deborah Noll

Word for Thought: *And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”*
Revelation 21:5

Happy New Year!

The New Year is often thought of as a time for making things new. But, often things carryover from the previous year that give us cause for doubt that the New Year will be any better. Some things that carry over are things we can change, while other things may not be as easily changed. For example, carryover debt can be eliminated over time with careful money management, but ongoing medical conditions may take longer to cure, if at all. The negative things carried into the new year may cause extra stress and shame, especially if we blame ourselves for their existence. We may find ourselves asking, “What have I done to deserve this?” It is in these moments of self-blame that we need to remember: Jesus died to forgive us of all our sin, not to punish us for them.

This morning I sat bedside with a man in unbearable pain. He repeated multiple times, “What have I done to make this happen?” I assured him he had done nothing; that he wasn’t being punished. I shared this message with him; it is one we all may need to hear:

God is merciful and blesses you. All of your sin has been forgiven.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abiding in kindness.

He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him. (Psalm 103:8–13)

Blessed are those whose sins have been forgiven, whose evil deeds have been forgotten. Rejoice in the Lord. Thank you, Jesus for making all things new. Amen.

Activity Since the December Council Meeting:

Worship & Church Functions

- Worship Services (x6)
- Christmas Eve Service
- Member Contact Beyond Worship
 - Christmas Caroling
 - Thursday Evening Card Group “The Jokers” (x2)
 - Hosted “The Jokers” for a holiday dessert at the Parsonage
 - Women’s Holiday Luncheon
 - Christian Care Consultations (x6)
 - 16 Care Cards Sent

Related Church Activities

- Text Study Zoom (x1)

Continuing Education

- Clinical Pastoral Education Classes
 - CPE Coordinator/Supervision Check in Zoom (x1)
 - CPE Peer Group Zoom Sessions (x2)
 - CPE Check in with SAM Supervisor (x2)
 - Final Evaluation from the CPE Coordinator will be sent to: Pastor Will Stenke (Conference Dean), Cheryl Sondergeld (Office of the Bishop), and Pastor Steve Ramsey (SAM Supervisor, and myself. (I am willing to share it with council upon receipt)

SAM Renewal

- Laurie and I met and have signed the SAM Letter of Agreement (contract) to run from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024
- Received the Synod Authorized Minister authorization letter from the Synod Office dated January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 (Copy for the church, who gets it?)

Upcoming Events

- Dates to be determined:
 - Meeting with Pastor Adam Sornchai to discuss “Listening Session” for the Commission on a Renewed Lutheran Church (CRLC) – Do we have a preferred date/time we would like to do this? Council suggested Thursday evening is the best time.
 - Presentation on “What Is a Synod Authorized Minister” at Good Hope Lutheran, Arlington
 - Ecumenical Gathering of Pastors/Ministers
 - Gathering of Central Conference Ministerial Group
- Northwestern Ohio Synod 2024 Assembly @ St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Bowling Green
 - June 1, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration is open.
 - Congregations are encouraged to bring two lay voting members, one youth/young adult voting member, and the rostered minister(s) of the congregation.
 - Cost if registered between January 1 and April 30 is \$100 per person.
 - Cost if registered between May 1 and May 31 is \$200 per person.
- Saturday, January 6, 2024
 - 9:00 a.m. 4–man Dartball tournament registration; 10:00 a.m. Tournament begins with Prayer.
 - 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Epiphany Open House @ the Parsonage.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jake Leu

Account Balances at December 31, 2023

Checking

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| Current | 176,922.18 |
| Building | 0.00 |
| Improvement | 659.34 |
| Missions | 10,288.44 |
| Special Projects | |
| Shipwreck Festival | 2,191.86 |
| Music | 2,316.97 |
| C. Price Memorial Funds | 26,506.90 |
| Bell choir | 1,719.16 |

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| Special Projects Other | 0.06 |
| | 32,734.95 |
| Total Quickbooks Operating/MMDA | 220,604.91 |
| Operating Account | 54,421.44 |
| Money Market Demand Account (MMDA) | 175,943.43 |
| Total Operating/MMDA – Bank | 230,364.87 |
| Outstanding Deposits at 12/31/23 | 13,749.00 |
| Outstanding Checks at 12/31/23 | -23,508.96 |
| Total Reconciled Operating/MMDA | 220,604.91 |

Savings

General Memorial 14,263.51

- A list of checks written in December 2023 were presented.
- January through December 2023 budget versus actual was reviewed. Contributions to the Current Fund in 2023 totaled \$234,315.52 vs. a budgeted \$199,276.29. Expenses for the same period totaled \$236,755.70 vs. a budgeted \$170,256.29.
- Total income exceeded the budgeted amount by more than \$86,000.
- Year-end benevolence to be distributed is \$10,288.44.
- As noted in the bulletin, the Building Fund designation will be removed from our offering envelopes next year since the church loan is paid off. Until then it has been decided that any donations marked for this fund will be directed toward another recipient selected on a quarterly basis. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) will be the recipient of first quarter offerings. At the end of each quarter a new recipient will be selected. Suggestions are welcomed by all members.
- An update for Quickbooks accounting software was purchased at a cost of roughly \$1,500. Other software options will be considered in the future.
- An overview of interest earned from Money Market investing was provided.

TRUSTEES REPORT – Natalie McClelland

- Kramer Enterprises informed us that our contract recently auto-renewed for another three years. In order to cancel, written notice must be submitted 90 days in advance of the contract expiration date. Natalie has requested this date and is waiting for a reply. In the meantime, we can reduce our costs by swapping out our custom size rugs for standard size rugs. This will save roughly \$40/month.
- Following discussion, new church road signs will be purchased to replace outdated blue hanging signs so all signs are consistent. A new, smaller sign will also be placed at the corner of SR 68 and Waterloo Drive in Arlington.
- Tom Marquart reported that all furnace filters were recently replaced and dated accordingly.
- A furnace unit above the library is leaking again; Knueve is coming tomorrow to investigate.
- A bulb in one of the sanctuary chandeliers burned out, and replacement bulbs were ordered. Tom noted they are special, dimmable bulbs that are expensive, so he'll mark them for sanctuary use only.
- Amy reported there are still spiders and eggs at the end of the east wing.

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR REPORT – Amy Gibson

- The lock-in has been postponed until President's Day weekend in February.
- A Flapjacks & Flannel pancake breakfast will be held on January 21 including fruit, meat and gluten-free pancakes.
- Youth will be traveling to Snow Trails in Mansfield on January 28 for winter activities.

- In February the youth will attend a Walleye game and attend a Winter Jam concert.
- Soup suppers will be hosted by youth prior to Wednesday evening Lenten services.
- A good time was had by all at a recent bowling event.
- The plan is to finish all youth activities and confirmation classes the first weekend of December. Going forward, this is how we will finish each calendar year, starting back up the first weekend in January after returning to school following holiday break.

PARISH EDUCATION – Emily Clark

- The children’s Christmas program in December went very well.
- Kids Praise will start next Wednesday for five weeks and substitute teachers will be needed.
- Movie night will be held on February 18 featuring popcorn, drinks, etc.
- The annual Easter egg hunt is scheduled for March 23, which is the Saturday before Palm Sunday.
- VBS is tentatively scheduled for July 14–18; a float will be decorated for the Arlington Festival parade to be held the following weekend.
- Rally Day/Teacher Appreciation Sunday will be held on August 18.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Regarding the automatic entrance door, we’re waiting for an electrician to complete the assembly.
- Shelving units for attic organization and storage will be purchased.
- Discussion was held on what to do during the Solar Eclipse in April. It was recommended that we lock all doors and put barrier tape on all grassy areas to prevent vehicles from parking atop our septic system area and other grassy areas which may be soft and soggy that time of year.
- Bart reported that one of the legs on our old church bell is broken and a professional welder is repairing it. The framework will be sandblasted, and the bell will be cleaned, powder coated, and/or clear coated for protection. Eventually it will be placed west of the main entrance on a frame with a stone façade.

NEW BUSINESS

- A list of church cleaning committees was distributed. Updates will be made and given to the church secretary for publication in the bulletin and newsletter.
- Year–end benevolence of \$10,288.44 will be divided evenly among the following organizations: Wernle Children’s Home, Women’s Resource Center, St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, and Lutheran Social Services.
- The recipient of 2nd quarter former Building Fund designations will be Hopewood Outdoors (formerly LOMO).
- It was suggested that a summer youth project could be painting all the metal church sign posts in the area.
- Minister Deb requested and will order a paper shredder for confidential documents.
- Jake reported that 2023 contribution statements are available for pickup in the welcome space.
- Amy reported a birthday party will be held in the fellowship hall for Andrew on Sunday.
- Prayer requests were shared prior to adjournment.

ADJOURN

- The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 8:22pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13 at 7pm.

Natalie McClelland, Recording Secretary



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

SENIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR: Lisa Gossman
PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR: Jan Grieser
HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Tammy Robinson
AUDIO VIDEO: Jacob Orwick and Marty Grieser
ALTAR GUILD: Sally Valentage
LECTOR: Tom Marquart
WEBSITE COORDINATOR: Chelsea Boehm

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

Nadine Boehm — nadineb@thewavz.com or 419-722-6370
Pam Hoffman — pkhoffman87@gmail.com or 419-358-1682

HOSPITAL STAYS

It is important to the church that we support you through illness and hospitalizations. If you are admitted to Blanchard Valley Hospital for an overnight stay we would like to know.

If you are planning an admission to any hospital, please call the church office at 419-326-3535 to let us know the date you are entering and how long you anticipate staying.

At admission to BVH, *planned or unplanned*, you (or your spokesperson) will be asked several questions,

1. Religion: this may be asked at pre-registration or at admission along with your address, phone number, etc. Please give our denomination.
2. If you wish to be on the Hospital Directory and the Religion List. These questions will be asked of you (or your spokesperson) during the “Consent to Treatment” process. Please answer “yes” to both.

In order to protect your privacy the hospital does not routinely call the church to tell us you have been admitted, unless you specifically ask them to call us. We depend on you or your family to let us know if you have been admitted.

If you have been in the hospital for a day or two and have not been visited, please ask your family or nurse to contact the church office.

A new federal law greatly restricts the disclosure of patient information by hospitals. As a result, the pastors and church office may not know that a member of the church has been admitted to the hospital. If you are hospitalized and would like to notify the pastor, it is important that you or a member of your family inform the church office as soon as possible at 419-326-3535 and the secretary will contact the pastor.

PERSONS ST. PAUL HAS PRAYED FOR DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024: Kevin Barnett (*maintenance man at Serenity Springs*); family and friends of Lee Best; Connie Cooper (*Phyllis Rettig’s sister*); Jon Gast; Norm Hahn; Mark Hoffman (*Mike’s brother*); Mike Inbody; Daryl Ingram (*Mike’s brother*); Dr. William (Bill) Kose; Dave Laird (*Lee’s brother*); family and friends of Jan Leedy (friend of Vera Sheets); Kyle McDowell; Faye Parcher (*Beth Wilhelm’s mother*); Wayne Pepple (*father of Jan Grieser and Jeff Pepple*); Randy Snyder (*brother-in-law of Lee Laird*); Connor Sons (*C-R junior recovering from brain surgery*); all military personnel including — Griffin Hartman, Lance Leisure, Evan McMonigal, Justin Riegle, Nate Sheets, Colin Tobin, and Alex vonStein — Songambele Lutheran Church; Navajo Lutheran Mission School, Rock Point, AZ; Hancock County Religious Education; and Mission Possible for Haiti.

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

We would like to thank our church family for their prayers and visits during Lee’s time of need. And for all the food and prayers and visits after his passing. We thank Minister Deb for the service and the church women for the wonderful food at the meal after the funeral. We appreciated it greatly. *Deb Best and Family*

MISSING: Our extra fair linen for the altar is missing. Please let Mary Coldren know if anyone finds it or took it home to laundry.

Confirmation Class Schedule for February

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| Sunday, February 4 th | 5:00PM – 6:00PM |
| Sunday, February 11 th | 5:00PM – 6:00PM |
| Sunday, February 18 th | 6:00PM – 7:00PM |
| Sunday, February 25 th | 5:00PM – 6:00PM |

ReFUEL INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY

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| Sunday, February 4 th | ReFUEL — 6:00PM – 8:00PM |
| Sunday, February 18 th | YOUTH / Lock-In — 7:00PM — 8:00AM |
| Sunday, February 25 th | ReFUEL — 6:00PM – 8:00PM |

* * **LYO is currently in search of a ping pong table.** The table needs to be able to fold and have wheels for storage purposes.

* **ANYONE** — **Do you have a talent for interior design?** LYO is looking to update the youth room. From paint to storage! If you have ideas we would like to hear from you! **If interested in this challenge, contact Amy.**



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT — Sunday, February 18th — 6:30PM.
Come for a FUN FAMILY TIME, GREAT MOVIE, and POPCORN!

The February Sewing Days will be on Wednesday, February 7th and Wednesday, February 28th from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. Come all of the time or part of the time. We assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you can tie a knot, use scissors or pin material together, we'd love your help with this important ministry! Please bring a dish to share for lunch.

There were 11 Ladies at the Wednesday, January 24th Sewing Day and they assembled 8 finished quilts making a total of 31 quilts.

DARTBALL SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

ALL second half season games begin promptly at 7:00PM

Monday, February 5th Jenera Jr. @ Salem, Findlay
Upper Sandusky @ Jenera Sr.

Monday, February 12th **NO** Dartball [Make-up date, if needed]

Saturday, February 17th Saturday League Tournament @

Jenera [Doors open at 9:00AM / Tournament starts at 10:00AM]

Monday, February 19th Banquet at St. John's Lutheran,

Findlay [Doors open at 5:30PM / Banquet starts at 6:00PM]



The Bible Study Group meets each Thursday morning in the Library at 9:30AM and are studying Proverbs. All are welcome.

St. Paul Outreach Committee Focus Statement for 2024

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:9–10

The St. Paul Outreach Committee will be using this Bible verse in 2024 to focus our efforts on needs closer to home. As a body of believers in Jesus we want to come alongside people in our community who are in need. That way we can do what Paul calls “carrying each other’s burdens.” (Galatians 6:2) Relying on God’s strength, we listen, we empathize, we help where we can, and we can also pray for them. We can look for ways to “do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Paul says that when we do so, we fulfill the law of Christ: to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. The burdens of life can be heavy, but praise God, he’s given us our church family to lighten the load. If you know of a “neighbor” who could use some help, please let us know and we’ll prayerfully consider what we as a church family can do to help.

**** The Outreach Project for February will be collecting food again for the Good Hope Food Pantry.**

This time we would like to collect the following items:

Canned Soup (for Souper Bowl Sunday!) — **Canned Vegetables** — **Canned Meat** — **Cereal**

[So, if you’re grocery shopping and see some great deals on these items you can pick them up and bless the hungry neighbors in our area.]

2024: THE YEAR OF REST: The churches and friends of Northwestern Ohio Synod are invited to participate in the Year of Rest. Instead of the traditional daily Bible readings, we are invited to engage in daily rest practices using the seven types of active rest: Mental, Sensory, Emotional, Social, Creative, Spiritual, and Physical. Grounded in a weekly Bible verse, it is the Synod’s prayer that the guided calendar will help us discover daily moments of rest and peace. To learn more about the Year of Rest and the Seven Types of Active Rest, go to the Northwestern Ohio Synod website: <https://nwos-elca.church> scroll down to Bishop’s Writings and click on: 2024: The Year of Rest.

[There are copies of the February 2024—“The Year of Rest” on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space.]

St. Paul’s 2024 Lenten Schedule

[The Bible Study will be held in the Library.]

February 14, 2024, Ash Wednesday

- 5:45pm — *A Time to Rest Bible Study: Walk with Me (Active Rest)*
- 7:00pm — Worship with Distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion

February 21, 2024, First Wednesday of Lent

- 5:00pm — *A Time to Rest Bible Study: Peace Be with You (Social Rest)*
- 6:00pm — Soup Supper
- 7:00pm — Kid’s Praise
- 7:00pm — Worship, meditation on “How Great Thou Art” (Praising God)

February 28, 2024, Second Wednesday of Lent

- 5:00pm — *A Time to Rest Bible Study: A Sacred Space for God (Spiritual Rest)*
- 6:00pm — Soup Supper
- 7:00pm — Kid’s Praise
- 7:00pm — Worship, meditation on “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (about Jesus)

March 6, 2024, Third Wednesday of Lent

- 5:00pm — *A Time to Rest Bible Study: At Jesus’ Feet (Creative Rest)*
- 6:00pm — Soup Supper

- 7:00pm — Kid’s Praise
- 7:00pm — Worship, meditation on “Just as I Am” (God’s forgiveness)

March 13, 2024, Fourth Wednesday of Lent

- 5:00pm — *A Time to Rest Bible Study: Authenticity, Accountability, and Acknowledging Truth (Emotional Rest)*
- 6:00pm — Soup Supper
- 7:00pm — Kid’s Praise
- 7:00pm — Worship, meditation on “Be Thou My Vision” (Presence, Light, and Vision)

March 20, 2024, Fifth Wednesday of Lent

- 5:00pm — *A Time to Rest Bible Study: God All Around Us (Sensory Rest)*
- 6:00pm — Soup Supper
- 7:00pm — Kid’s Praise
- 7:00pm — Worship, meditation on “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Beauty of God’s Faithfulness)

HOLY WEEK – March 24 to March 30

- **Palm Sunday** — First Communion is celebrated, **Maundy Thursday** — 7:00pm Worship, **Good Friday** — 1pm — Worship, 5:45pm — *A Time to Rest Bible Study: Come to a Quiet Place (Mental Rest)*, 7pm — Worship

February 2024 Birthdays

Thursday, February 1st Gideon Fisher
 Thursday, February 1st Susanna Gant
 Thursday, February 1st Emersyn Tiell
 Thursday, February 1st Karter Tiell
 Friday, February 2nd Tyler Amos
 Friday, February 2nd Regan Zehender
 Saturday, February 3rd Dick Noll
 Sunday, February 4th Kathy Hahn
 Monday, February 5th Nancy Smith
 Monday, February 5th Rick Wolford
 Tuesday, February 6th Sherry Sickles
 Wednesday, February 7th Nathaniel Edmiston
 Wednesday, February 7th Gary Reichley
 Friday, February 9th Beth Kimmel
 Saturday, February 10th Ben Wolford
 Sunday, February 11th Joe Panfil
 Sunday, February 11th Diane Parke
 Sunday, February 11th Paula Tomlins
 Monday, February 12th Paul Hartman
 Monday, February 12th Nancy Tobin
 Tuesday, February 13th Jennifer Oechsle
 Wednesday, February 14th Kreg Dodge
 Saturday, February 17th Katie Kramer
 Saturday, February 17th Larry Parke
 Saturday, February 17th Ed Solt
 Sunday, February 18th Ed Davis
 Sunday, February 18th Megan Follas

Monday, February 19th Josie Boehm
 Monday, February 19th Harold Bower
 Monday, February 19th Sandra Boyd
 Monday, February 19th Abbey Dempster
 Monday, February 19th Deb Harvitt
 Wednesday, February 21st Mike Grieser
 Wednesday, February 21st Steve Reichley
 Wednesday, February 21st Isaac vonStein
 Thursday, February 22nd Seth Carey
 Friday, February 23rd Keith Bower
 Friday, February 23rd Melanie Leisure
 Saturday, February 24th Stacey Edmiston
 Saturday, February 24th Renee Rammel
 Monday, February 26th Jennifer Dempster
 Monday, February 26th Scott McDowell
 Tuesday, February 27th Beth Bell
 Tuesday, February 27th RuthAnn Riechley
 Tuesday, February 27th Kellen Steinmetz

February 2024 Anniversaries

Wednesday, February 7th Aaron and Bobbi Korte – 15
 Wednesday, February 7th Larry and Ilene Parke – 53
 Monday, February 12th Cory and Randi Glick – 13
 Saturday, February 24th Bob and Paula Tomlins – 28
 Tuesday, February 27th Lynn and Nadine Boehm – 42

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FEBRUARY 2024

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| ALTAR GUILD: Sally Valentage LECTOR: Tom Marquart ORGANIST: February 4 th , 11 th , 14 th , 18 th , 21 st , and 25 th : Lisa Gossman | | | | 1 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers" | 2 | 3 |
| 4 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL | | 6 6:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved / Arlington Lions Club Meeting | 7 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day 5:45PM Meal served before Kids Praise 6:00PM – 7:30PM Kids Praise / WNL 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice 8:00PM Bell Choir Practice | 8 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers" | 9 | 10 |
| 11 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class | 12 Dartball – Week Off [Make-up date, if needed] | 13 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting | 14 ASH WEDNESDAY 5:45PM Bible Study / Library 7:00PM Ash Wednesday Service with Distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion | 15 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers" | 16 | 17 10:00AM Dartball Saturday League Tournament [Doors open at 9:00AM Tournament starts at 10:00AM] |
| 18 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 6:00PM – 7:00PM Confirmation Class 6:30PM Family Movie Night 7:00PM – 7:00AM YOUTH / Lock-In | 19 6:00PM Dartball / Banquet St. John's Lutheran, Findlay [Doors open at 5:30PM / Banquet starts at 6:00PM] | 20 7:00PM WELCA Meeting | 21 5:00PM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Soup Supper 7:00PM Lenten Worship Service 8:00PM Senior Choir Practice | 22 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers" | 23 | 24 |
| 25 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 10:15AM Outreach Committee Meeting 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL | 26 | 27 | 28 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day 5:00PM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Soup Supper 7:00PM Lenten Worship Service | 29 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers" | | |