



## 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"

APRIL ~ 2026

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*<sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them,  
"Why do you look for the living among the dead?  
He is not here but has risen." ~ Luke 24:5*

Greetings,

I begin with the Easter greeting that will be proclaimed Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>: Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! - - - -  
- - - - ! (As this is being written, we are still not quite able to raise the - - - - - ! But you know what word goes in  
the blank. Right!

For my newsletter article this month, I am sharing a devotion written on April 12, 2020 in the heart of COVID; the  
message still applies today. A few revisions have been made to bring it current. May it bring a spirit of hope as we  
journey with Christ through the season of Easter.

It's Easter and we're looking for Jesus, but he is not here! We are frightened. We hear, "Do not be afraid! We turn  
around hoping to find the one we always turn to. "Do you know where he is?" we ask.

We see a stranger knocking at a neighbor's door with a bag of food. "Is that you, Jesus? Is that you?" we ask.

At the grocery, a woman wants to buy 200 large, brown bags. "We need them for the food pantry," she says. The  
store manager gives her "a bushel (500 bags)" and he says, "No charge!" "Have you seen Jesus?" I ask.

Doctors, nurses, technicians, nursing home workers, residents, prisoners, family, and friends are sick. There are wars  
and violence in our streets. People are dying. "Where are you, Jesus?" we ask. "Do not be afraid, the angel says,  
"Why do you look for the living among the dead? You seek Jesus the one who was crucified. He is not here but has  
risen. He has gone to prepare a home, a place for everyone."

We sit at home watching the news, and wonder "What's going on in this world?" We ask, "Have you seen Jesus?" It  
seems he used to be here in plain view, but now...but now, we are not so sure. Listen, do you hear Jesus say, "Do not  
be afraid!"

Easter is different this year, especially since we are still mourning the loss of our brothers and sisters Sonja, Pr.  
Bernie, Jon, Rosalyn, Vera, and Lynn. It seems the promise of eternal life means something more to us this year. Be  
comforted knowing Jesus brought salvation from the cross, and eternal life from the grave. Be not afraid! Go tell  
everyone the good news, "Jesus is not in the tomb; Jesus is with us—always, in all places, in all ways—just as he  
promised! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! -----!

Let us pray: O God, we give you thanks for the crucified and risen Christ. Set our minds on things that are above, and  
not on earthly things. Bless us with your steadfast love. Amen.

Blessed By Christ's Love,  
Minister Deb

## 2026 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

<b>Chairperson:</b> Jan Grieser	419-889-3339	<b>Deacons:</b> Sean Adams	740-490-5308
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<b>Treasurer:</b> Jane Follas	419-722-7458		
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<b>Trustees:</b> Deb Clevenger	419-306-1150	<b><u>Ex-Officio Representatives —</u></b>	
Bart Welte	419-721-7127	<b>Financial Sec:</b> Jake Leu	567-208-7739
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Joe Creque	419-672-8318	<b>Youth Ministry Coordinator:</b> Amy Gibson	
Wayne Young	419-722-1801		419-348-1653
<b>Sr. SS Supt:</b> Sally Valentage	419-306-1585	<b>Youth Board Representative:</b>	
		Amanda Price	419-957-1988

### ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 10, 2026

*Attendance: Jan Grieser, Jane Follas, Mary Coldren, Sally Valentage, Minister Deb Noll, Joe Creque, Wayne Young, Amy Gibson and Natalie McClelland.*

#### CALL TO ORDER – Jan Grieser

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7pm and Minister Deb provided a word for thought and prayer. All joined together in reciting the church mission statement followed by the Council prayer. In conjunction with Council goals of 2026, members continue to review the fruits of the spirit, with emphasis on peace and patience this month.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT – Jake Leu

##### Account Balances at February 28, 2026

<b>Checking</b>	
Current	98,602.71
Council Discretionary	850.84
Improvement	1,993.98
Missions	4,445.73
<b>Special Projects</b>	
Shipwreck Festival	2,341.05
Music	2,474.69
C. Price Memorial Funds	10,675.02
Bell Choir	1,668.40
Special Projects - Other	0.06
	17,159.22
<b>Total Quickbooks Operating/MMDA</b>	<b>\$ 123,052.48</b>
Operating Account	30,758.90
Money Market Demand Accounty (MMDA)	100,968.58
<b>Total Operating/MMDA - Bank</b>	<b>\$ 131,727.48</b>
Outstanding Deposits at 2/28/26	-
Outstanding Checks at 2/28/26	(8,675.00)
<b>Total Reconciled Operating/MMDA</b>	<b>\$ 123,052.48</b>
<b>Savings</b>	
General Memorial	\$ 15,741.69

- Account balances and financial statements were reviewed. Total income from Jan–Feb 2026 was \$35,282.92 vs. a budgeted amount of \$33,890.90. Total expenses for the same period were \$57,443.47 vs. \$45,816.69 budgeted. Interest income from our Money Market account is estimated to be ~\$208.00 for February 2026.
- Designated Income received in February was \$3,550. The first quarter 2026 recipient of this income is City Mission of Findlay.
- The Church Directory app will be renewed because many members refer to it on their phones.
- Minister Deb reported the copier in education wing needs toner, both black & color.
- There is currently a balance of ~\$850 in the Council Discretionary Fund.
- Not an Ordinary Place was suggested and approved as the recipient of our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Designated Income.

### **MINISTER’S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS – Deborah Noll**

- Minister Deb’s ELCA candidacy evaluation, entrance essays and interviews were placed on hold last month due to several funerals as well as Lenten services.
- Vacation days were requested and approved beginning Monday, Apr. 6 thru Sunday, Apr. 12, 2026.
- Upcoming events were reviewed, which are listed in her complete report at end of minutes. She noted that:
  - The baptism of Josephine Ann Courtney–Stoltz will be held at the beginning of the 9am service on 3/15/26.
  - Palm Sunday worship will include a skit by youth in addition to the procession of palms.
  - Maundy Thursday worship will include the First Communion of five youth.
  - Amy Gibson will post Holy Week information on our church Facebook page.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT – Amy Gibson**

#### **Highlights:**

- February
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - Confirmation 5–6pm
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – Ignite 6–8pm
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – WNL 5:45–7:30pm
  - 7<sup>th</sup> - ReFUEL Movie Night 6–9pm
  - 8<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation 5–6pm
  - 11<sup>th</sup> – WNL 5:45–7:30pm
  - 12<sup>th</sup> – Parish Board 7pm
  - 15<sup>th</sup> – Snow Trails 1pm
  - 16<sup>th</sup> – Winter Jam 6pm (leaving at 1:30pm)
  - 19<sup>th</sup> - Youth Board 7pm
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> – Confirmation 5–6pm

#### **Upcoming:**

- March
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – Confirmation 5–6pm
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – Ignite 6–8pm
  - 8<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation 5–6pm
  - 8<sup>th</sup> – ReFUEL 6–8pm
  - 15<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation 5–6pm
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> – Confirmation 5–6pm
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> – ReFUEL 6–8pm
- April
  - No Confirmation March 29 or April 5
  - 10<sup>th</sup> – Ignite Roller-skating 5–7pm
  - 12<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation 5–6pm
  - 12<sup>th</sup> – Ignite 6–8pm\*
  - 19<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation 5–6pm
  - 19<sup>th</sup> – ReFUEL 6–8pm
  - 26<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation 5–6pm

### **Ongoing:**

- Planning and Execution of ReFUEL, Ignite, Wednesday Night Live (WNL), Fundraisers, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School Games and Confirmation. We also have 2 requests from members for upcoming yard work.
- Communication: Newsletter Info, Flyers, Bulletin Board, Emails, Texts, Social Media Updates, Calendar 3–6 months in advance, Website, One on One with Youth (face to face or call/text)
- Attend: Youth Board, Parish Board, Weekly Staff Meetings, Council

### **Council Requests:** N/A

### **TRUSTEES REPORT**

- Wayne Young found and addressed the issue of cold air in the women's restroom.
- The playground area needs to be expanded prior to installation of equipment, per the installers. Laurie Laird was contacted and New Leaf will take care of this.
- Tom Marquart and Wayne Young replaced a can light in the welcome space with the use of a rented lift.
- White lines will be repainted in the parking lot.
- Wayne reported that he and Tom Marquart met with painter David Kerr today to discuss the cleaning and painting of the sanctuary. David is available end–March or April and we may have to hold worship in the Fellowship Hall at least one Sunday. The estimated costs are \$3,000 for paint and up to \$12,000 for labor. Sally Valentage moved that we hire David Kerr to clean and paint the walls and ceiling of the sanctuary beginning April 6, with payments in installments. The estimated completion date is Monday, April 13. Mary Coldren seconded the motion which carried.

Doorbell issues persist at the parsonage, so a Ring doorbell will be installed.

Discussion was held on cold water in restroom sinks and extremely hot water in the kitchen.

Joe Creque and Ed von Stein will talk with Spectrum about improved service and lower costs at church and parsonage.

### **PARISH EDUCATION – Sally Valentage**

- Toy Story movie night on 2/15 went well with 30 kids present.
- Lenten Kids Praise is underway for children ages pre K–5th grade.
- Recipients of third Sunday offerings are Outreach Committee, Good Hope Food Pantry, and Bless the Backpacks.
- First Communion for youth will be Maundy Thursday 4/2, including studies with Minister Deb 3/21.
- Kids will be performing a skit on Palm Sunday 3/29 at both services.
- Community Easter Egg Hunt on 3/28 at 3pm for kids up to 5th grade, with snacks in the fellowship hall afterward. Parish Board will be stuffing plastic eggs with toys and candy on 3/19 at 7pm.
- Plans continue for VBS from 7/12—7/16 with *Kingdom Rock* as the theme.
- Will have a float in the Arlington Festival Parade on 7/17 reflecting the VBS theme.

### **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of this committee were included in our packets. Highlights include:

- Youth will present a skit during the Palm Sunday service.
- Maundy Thursday worship will feature the bell choir and include first communion.
- Good Friday services will be held at 1pm and 7pm. Volunteers are needed to carry the cross and read scripture.
- Easter Sunday service will feature Jon Coldren singing *Ten Thousand Angels* during the offering.
- Holden Evening Prayer was well received at the first Lenten service last week.
- A guest speaker will be needed on April 12 while Minister Deb is on vacation. If no one is available, there are Synod resources that can be used for sermon purposes.
- A new committee member is needed to replace Vera Sheets.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- The Chair expressed her thanks to funeral/wedding coordinators Tom Marquart, Wayne Young and Joe Creque for their assistance with recent funerals.

- Two voting members (1 adult, 1 youth/young adult) are welcome to attend the Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly with the Chair and Minister Deb on May 30 from 9am–6pm at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Bowling Green. Early registration ends 4/30/26.
- The Audit Committee continues to review the books of church organizations.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Members were given and asked to review a rough draft of the constitution as revised by Paul Hartman, Bob Coldren and Jan Grieser. This draft will be reviewed again at the next Council meeting, and presented to the congregation at the semi–annual meeting in May. An updated copy of the Bylaws was also distributed to Council members for review prior to the April meeting of Council.
- Discussion was held on establishing procedures for emergency evacuation and mustering points.

## ADJOURN

- The meeting adjourned with prayer requests and The Lord’s Prayer at 9pm. The next meeting will be held on April 14, 2026 at 7pm.

*Natalie McClelland, Recording Secretary*

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**St. Paul Congregational Council  
March 10, 2026  
Synod Authorized Minister’s Report**

### Word for Thought

**Northwestern Ohio Synod Theme: *The Way of Love, 2026***

**Northwestern Ohio Synod Memory verse: 1 John 4:19 – “*We love because he first loved us.*”**

This evening’s devotion is made available by the Northwestern Ohio Synod and was written by Rev. Marcus Lohrmann. He is a retired Minister of Word and Sacrament and former Bishop of the Northwestern Ohio Synod. He supports parishes throughout the synod as an interim pastor.

*“For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.”* (Romans 7:15)

What if love reveals me to be a hypocrite? Well, truth be told, it won’t be a surprise! Even as a teenager I was struck by the contradiction between what God in Christ called me to, and what I revealed in my heart and in the words and deeds I delivered daily. Because my father was a Lutheran School Principal, I also knew something about congregational life. I knew intuitively that life in the church often resembled something other than the Body of Christ.

But I also knew about the relentless love that God reveals in the incarnate, crucified and risen Christ Jesus. Here is one whose love doesn’t let go of me and who promises to be present “whenever two or three are gathered in (His) name.” Here is one who daily embraces me and all who need such an embrace with the precious word of forgiveness. Here is the one who frees me from the idolatry of the need to be right and to trust in the righteousness Christ offers. Here is one whose love frees me and the church to love the other, no matter the circumstance.

What if love reveals me to be a hypocrite? Well, then, I acknowledge that truth and then join the chorus of those similarly afflicted throughout the ages with St. Paul’s words, “Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!”

Questions to Ponder:

1. Can you identify a moment when you particularly felt the hypocrisy between your experience of yourself and your awareness of what God calls you to be, particularly in your relationship with others? Given St. Paul’s words, what might you do with the feelings associated with that moment?
2. Have you experienced—or imagined—a time when your congregation could, by the power of the Holy Spirit, acknowledge its own hypocrisy with regard to a given situation and, claiming God’s forgiveness in Christ, could forge a new beginning?

Let us pray: We praise you, O God, for the love that you have given to us in Christ Jesus. Grant us your Holy Spirit that rejoicing in your love, we may reflect that love in our lives and in our life together as a congregation. Amen.

### **Activity Since the February Council Meeting:**

#### **Worship, Church Functions, Member Contact Outside of Worship**

- Worship Services (x8)
- Ash Wednesday Worship (x1)
- Mid-Week Lenten Services (x2)
- Soup Suppers (x2)
- Prayer Chain Prayers for Time of War (x1)
- Prayer Chain Daily Prayers for Lent (x2)
- Hospital Visits (x1)
- In-office, at home, assisted living, rehab, and phone visitations (x9)
- Meeting with Staff (x4)
- Confirmation Class (x1)
- “The Jokers” Card Group (x3)
- Choir (x2)
- Kids Praise (x1)
- Dartball Tournament Prayer (x1)
- Sewing Day Meal (x3)
- WELCA (x1)
- Parish Education Board (x1)
- Worship Committee (x1)
- Family Ministry Organizational Meal & Meeting (x1)
- Baptism Planning w/family (x1)
- Funeral Planning w/families (x2)
- Funeral Visitation (x2)
- Funeral Service (x2)

#### **Related Church Activities**

- SAM Supervision Check-in (x4)

#### **Community Involvement**

- Serenity Spring Worship (x1)
- Liberty-Benton Musical “Mama Mia”

#### **Candidacy/Seminary Update**

- Psychological Evaluation – Placed on hold this last month
- ELCA Candidacy entrance essays and interviews – Placed on hold this last month

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Wednesday, March 11, 2026 – Central Conference Clergy Gathering St. John, Findlay & SAM/Supervisor Text Study
- Wednesday, March 11, 2026 – Meeting with potential new member
- Wednesday, March 11, 18, 25, 2026 – Soup Suppers, Mid-week Worship
- Friday, March 13, 2026 – Meeting with potential new member
- Sunday, March 15, 2026 (9:00am) – Baptism of Josephine Ann Courtney-Stoltz
- Saturday, March 21, 2026 (9:00am to Noon) – First Communion Retreat (5 youth)
- Sunday, March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday (9:00am procession with palms)

- Tuesday, March 31, 2026 – Renewal of Vows Worship @ St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, North Baltimore, SAM breakfast with Bishop Beaudoin
- Thursday, April 2, 2026 (7:00pm) – Maundy Thursday Worship
- Friday, April 3, 2026 (1:00pm and 7:00pm) – Good Friday Worship
- Sunday, April 5, 2026 (8:30am) – Easter Breakfast, (10:00am) Easter Worship
- May 30, 2026 (9:00am to 6:00pm) – Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly @ St. Mark’s Lutheran, Bowling Green, Ohio. Early Registration ends April 30, 2026.

**Vacation**

- Request: the week beginning Monday, April 6, 2026 thru and including Sunday, April 12, 2026
  - Monday, April 6, and Saturday, April 11, would be regularly scheduled days off

Respectfully Submitted  
 Deb Noll  
 Synod Authorized Minister

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR APRIL 2026**

**SENIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Lisa Gossman  
**PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR:** Jan Grieser  
**HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Tammy Robinson  
**AUDIO VIDEO:** Marty Grieser and Ed von Stein  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Mary Coldren  
**LECTOR:** Sally Valentage  
**WEBSITE COORDINATOR:** Chelsea Boehm

**PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS**

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 Jenny Welte — jwelte92@gmail.com or 419-788-0724

**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 MARCH 2026:** Kayla Brooks; Bob Carder (*friend of Sally Valentage*); Zac Carman; Norm Hahn; family and friends of Sam Halcomb (*brother-in-law of Wayne and Julia Young*); Steve McClelland; Jeff Mansell (*Christine Kemerley's nephew*); Tom Valentage; Rick Williams (*friend of Sally Valentage*); Louise Wilson; David Wolford; all military personnel including — Ethan Grieser, Griffin Hartman, Lance Leisure, Brycen Lucius, Evan McMonigal, Nate Sheets, Colin Tobin, and Alex von Stein.

**PRAYERS FOR CHURCH LEADERSHIP:** ELCA Presiding Bishop Curry; Northwestern Ohio Synod Bishop Beaudoin; Minister Deb; and all Missions of Ministry.

**PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION:** If adding a name to the Prayer Chain please be sure you have permission from the immediate family that their name can be included in the Prayer List in the News of the Flock. Thank you.



**We welcomed Josephine Ann Courtney–Stoltz into membership at St. Paul by Infant Baptism at the 9:00AM Worship Service on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.** Josephine was born on June 17, 2025 and her parents are Courtney Stoltz and Seth Courtney. May blessings be with Josephine as she begins her baptismal journey. Sponsors for Josephine are Amanda Price and Noah Courtney.

## Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

**A big Baby Bottle THANK YOU!** Your help to fill a bottle with coins, checks, or cash for the ministry of Women's Resource Center of Hancock County directly impacts the families we serve. We would also like to introduce you to our new Director of Development, Jayme Inbody. As our new Director of Development, Jayme will help deepen our continued relationships with churches who faithfully support the mission of the Women's Resource Center. Sincere Thanks, Chris Vermillion and Jayme Inbody

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to everyone** who helped make Lynn Boehm's funeral a celebration of his life: to musicians who put in extra time to practice and whose talents were beautifully displayed, to the audio/visual technicians who prepared the presentation, controlled lighting, live-streamed and recorded the service, to our facility coordinator and trustees who helped in so many ways, to all who donated food and worked in the kitchen before, during, and after the meal, and to our secretary for her dedicated work putting together the bulletin placed in so many hands. For everyone who attended visitation and the service to support Nadine, Chelsea, Nik, and Zac and the Boehm family, thank you. Knowing that they are carried by so many members of the St. Paul family will mean so much to them in the days ahead. I personally want to thank the St. Paul congregation for your prayers of support as we walk this journey of faith together. Blessings, Minister Deb

**Oh my, where do I begin?** Our family has received more support, love, food, gifts, prayers, money, flowers than you would think an old farmer could receive. Lynn would never have thought people would stand in line for him for hours or sent so many flowers and other things. The funeral attendance was wonderful, the special music was amazing, thank you Lisa, Jan, Tom, Janet, and Shane and of course the meal was excellent, even with his one request of using paper plates to save the kitchen crew time and work. Thank you, Jane, for making the service bulletins so nice. And Minister Deb, you worked so hard to get who the real man Lynn was, and you did it! Also, thanks to those who took over for us with soup suppers, my run of also 30 years is done. Lynn willingly started helping me probably 15 years ago, because he knew I needed the help carrying soup in and buttering bread, all without complaint. We always told the kids that that was our act of service to the church. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me. We will be sending a nice check in Lynn's name to the Navajo Mission in Rock Point, Arizona. Thank you again for all your prayers as we all start this new chapter in each of our lives.

*Nadine, Zac & Lindsay and boys, Camden, Easton and Nolan;  
Nik & Miriam, Chelsea & Mr (Zach) Brown*

**Thank you** from Ginny Walter for your many prayers and the beautiful card from St. Paul.

**A HUGE Thank you** to everyone who helped distribute stone in the playground on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Dan Settlege for taking the lead and for Justin Gillespie, Matt Hankins, Caleb von Stein, and Tom Marquart for your help. So, the playground is finished and ready to play on and enjoy.

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**Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion  
on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM**

**Good Friday Services on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00PM and 7:00PM**

**Easter Sunday ~ Resurrection of Our Lord ~ Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Breakfast at 8:30AM / bring your favorite Breakfast Casserole to share  
Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion at 10:00AM**

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**LIBRARY UPDATE:** People can continue to donate books for the Library. We could use more biblical children / youth / young adults / family devotionals and there is about a half shelf available for fiction and non-fiction. Monetary donations for the purchase of new (used) books can be given to Kendra Parke.

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**LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE** ~ Everyone is invited to come after the SUNDAY EASTER SERVICE on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> to see the re-organized library. Thank you to Kendra Parke for chairing this project and her assistants Ilene Parke, Linda Wilson, and Elaine Ingram for the time and effort put into making the library more user friendly.

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**2026 SECOND QUARTER DESIGNATED OFFERING is for:** Not an Ordinary Place (NOP), specifically to go to the Multi-Purpose Building Fund. The Mission of NOP is: Not an Ordinary Place will make positive life experiences, right of choice, participate in the greater community, build friendships, and make having fun a reality for Adults with special needs. NOP Values are: Experience, Stability, Respect, Originality, Safety, and Unity. The NOP Multi-Purpose Building (to be built on the lot where the old Dunkirk school was located) will be a safe place for our Adults with special needs to come together as a community, explore, and live their best life with confidence. Plans for a roughly 2000-foot building, of metal construction, and ADA certified are in process. Completely accessible throughout, the facility will offer a large fellowship area; an enclosed and fully accessible swimming pool, women and men's bathrooms with changing areas; and a kitchen where the Adults will prepare and partake meals. The building will allow for community events, themed parties, holiday dinners and celebrations, with assistance to those in need. Included is a garage for NOP vehicles. The proposed building budget is \$375,000. The Director of Operations for NOP is Beth A. Bell, and the Chief Inspiration Officer is Logan W. Bell. They feel grateful and blessed in advance for St. Paul's support of this cause. Beth and Logan say, "We love our community!" Donations to benefit Not an Ordinary Place (NOP) can be made through your 2026 Giving Envelope and listed in the box marked Designated.

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**Sewing Days for April will be on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM – 2:00PM.** Come all of the time or part of the time. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. There were 14 people at the Sewing Day on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. 8 quilts were brought in and 7 quilts were finished for a total of 62 quilts.



**WELCA ~ Salvation Army Soup Kitchen ~ Findlay  
Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> ~ serving at NOON**

**WELCA ~ Salad and Dessert on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:30PM  
Bring a salad or dessert to share! ~ Bring a FRIEND!**

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**\*\* Men's Faith and Fellowship will meet on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Library.**

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**ReFUEL and Ignite Information for April 2026**

Sunday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ignite	6:00PM – 8:00PM
Sunday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	ReFUEL	6:00PM – 8:00PM

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**Confirmation Class Information for April 2026**

**NO CONFIRMATION CLASS** on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday  
Sundays, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class 5:00PM – 6:00PM

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**\*\* \* Exciting News!! The sanctuary has been needing a freshening up.** Due to the oil candles (which have been replaced) there has been a dull coating on the walls, above the lights on the side walls and on the inserts covering the pipe organ. We have found a reputable painter that will clean and paint the walls, as well as paint the ceiling.

**In order to complete this project, we will need to conduct our worship service in the fellowship hall on Sunday,**

**April 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be one service at 9:00AM followed by Sunday School at 10:15AM.** There will be **NO** Praise Service that day and since Minister Deb will be on vacation, Adam Willford will be giving a message. Also, there will be **NO** communion. Just as Easter will have refreshed our spirits, this project will refresh our worship experience!

**NOTE:** Cleaning Committee #1 – Worship Space / Sacristy cleaning will be postponed until after Easter because of the painting of the sanctuary.

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**With the beginning of the new year we would like to make sure that we have our church records up-to-date.** If you have a new phone number, email address, and any other new information, please let Jane Wilch know or send her an email (stpaulutheran6@yahoo.com) or phone call (419-326-3535) with your updates.

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## **APRIL 2026 BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

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**April 2026 Birthdays**

Wednesday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jill Bower
Friday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Taylor Follas
Friday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Josh Luke
Sunday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Cooper Castle
Monday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Zac Boehm
Tuesday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Henry Reichley
Tuesday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Liana Sidle
Friday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Patty Orwick
Friday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sheryl Rettig
Saturday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Marshall
Monday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Crosby Reule
Monday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Jody Wolford
Tuesday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Melanie Redburn
Friday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	David Featheringill
Saturday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan Gant
Sunday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Logan Sheets
Sunday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Karissa Welte
Monday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Hartman
Monday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Marcia Russell
Monday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Julia Young
Tuesday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Michelle Gibson
Tuesday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Allison Settlege
Tuesday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Noah Tesner

Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
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Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Jesse Rettig  
Mary Coldren  
Joe Creque  
Breydan Glick  
Ilene Parke  
Kelly Stine  
Matt Luke  
Carlie von Stein



**April 2026 Wedding Anniversaries**

Friday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ron and Carol Riegle – 50
Saturday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry and Beth Kimmel – 45
Friday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sean and Nancy Tobin – 33
Sunday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Nate and Kim Trout – 18
Thursday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chad and Diane Parke – 32
Sunday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Bob and Allison Coldren – 23
Sunday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Randy and Theresa Grieser – 29
Wednesday, April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Corey and Amanda Henson – 20

**NOTE – WORSHIP TIME CHANGE AND LOCATION**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**ONE Worship Service at 9:00AM which will be held in the Fellowship Hall**  
**followed by Sunday School at 10:15AM**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR ~ OUTREACH COMMUNITY MEAL**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> ~ 11:00AM — 1:00PM**

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ APRIL 2026**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b> Mary Coldren <b>LECTOR:</b> Sally Valentage <b>ORGANIST:</b> April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , April 3 <sup>rd</sup> , April 5 <sup>th</sup> , April 12 <sup>th</sup> , April 19 <sup>th</sup> , and April 26 <sup>th</sup> : <div style="text-align: right;">Lisa Gossman</div>			1	2 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion	3 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 1:00PM Good Friday Service 7:00PM Good Friday Service	4 5:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved for Boehm Family Easter
5 <b>EASTER / RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD</b> 8:30AM Easter Breakfast 10:00AM Easter Worship Service / Communion Afternoon – Fellowship Hall reserved by Rachel Hartman	6	7	8 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice	9 1:30PM – 4:30PM “The Jokers” 6:00PM – 7:00PM Girl Scouts / Library and SS Room 7:00PM Men’s Faith and Fellowship / Library	10	11
..... <b>Minister Deb and Dick on vacation beginning on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> thru and including Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup></b> .....						
12 <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9:00AM Worship Service in Fellowship Hall 10:15AM Sunday School 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class 6:00PM – 8:00PM Ignite	13	14 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting	15 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice	16 1:30PM – 4:30PM “The Jokers”	17 Evening — Set-up for use of Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	18 8:00AM – 5:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved by Arlene Marquart
<b>Minister Deb and Dick — vacation</b>						
19 <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 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	20	21 NOON WELCA Salvation Army Soup Kitchen  6:30PM WELCA Meeting / Salad and Dessert / Bring a Friend!	22 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice	23 1:30PM – 4:30PM “The Jokers” 6:00PM – 7:00PM Girl Scouts / Library and SS Room	24	25 NOON – 4:00PM Kitchen reserved by Outreach Committee  9:00AM – NOON WELCA Spring Conference St. John’s Lutheran Church / 1701 Tiffin Avenue, Findlay
26 <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 11:00AM 1:00PM Community Meal 2:00PM Minister Deb leading Worship at Serenity Spring 2:00PM Rock N Roll 4-H Meeting 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class	27	28	29 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day	30 1:30PM – 4:30PM “The Jokers”		