



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" MARCH ~ 2026

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)

Greetings,

As we walk through this Lenten season, we do so aware that our lives are a precious gift given for a period of time. We are given lives to share with one another. We are given lives for sharing God's love with others. Our lives are fragile and are never to be taken for granted. Our lives have purpose and meaning. Our lives are meant to bring pleasure to God and to one another.

During our span of time on earth, we are given moments of great joy and moments of heartache, trouble and sorrow. Our lives on earth are not so much different than the life that Jesus led while he walked the earth.

Jesus was sent to earth as a gift from God, born as a child of flesh and bone. He was born to live and die, as all of God's children are born to do. During Jesus' life time he experienced joys and sorrows. He rejoiced at his baptism hearing God's voice say, "You are my son, my beloved, in you I am well pleased." He rejoiced with his mother and friends at the wedding in Cana. He rejoiced in telling the story of the joy-filled father in the parable of the prodigal son. He rejoiced the day each of us was born and in all the special moments of our lives.

Jesus also had moments of heartache, trouble, and sorrow. He cried with Mary and Martha when Lazarus died. He cried out from the depths of his heart when asking, "Father take this cup from me; not my will but your will be done." He cried out in desperation hanging on the cross, "My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?"

Jesus celebrates with us in our times of joy. He rejoices when a sibling is baptized and adopted into his Father's family. He rejoices when he hears his name being proclaimed and shared, especially when being shared with someone who needs to know who Jesus is, and the love of God.

Jesus' heart aches when our hearts ache. Jesus is troubled when we are troubled. Jesus feels sorrowful when we are laden with sorrow. Jesus weeps with us when we weep. When we are weak, Jesus carries us. When we are too tired to hold our head up, Jesus lifts us up and tucks us in. When we do not know how to pray, Jesus prays for us.

Because Jesus died on the cross for us, God knows the pain of losing a beloved one. God watched his Son die and knows our pain when someone we love dies. Jesus promised that those who mourn will be comforted. God wraps His arms around everyone who grieves, and Jesus cries with those who mourn.

This Lenten season we remember the pain and suffering that Jesus went through for our salvation. We watch him place one foot in front of the other as he carries our sins to the cross. We marvel at his strength and wonder from where it comes. Jesus' strength came to him through the love of his Father. When we are too weak to place one foot in front of the other, we need to lean on the verse above and remember, he from whom our strength comes. Put this verse to heart, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." We are weak, but He is strong. Lean on Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior; he is with you in your joys and in your sorrows. He walks with you and carries you through the storms of life.

Thank you, Jesus, for walking with me, and carrying me, when times are too difficult for me to make it on my own. Help me always to remember to lean on you for the strength I need. Amen.

Minister Deb

2026 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Chairperson: Jan Grieser	419-889-3339	Deacons: Sean Adams	740-490-5308
Vice Chair:		Steve Clark	419-722-6060
Recording Sec: Natalie McClelland	419-722-4324	Lee Laird	419-355-4095
Treasurer: Jane Follas	419-722-7458	Lynn Boehm	419-722-8022
Elder: Mary Coldren	419-722-5118		
Elder: Lynn Boehm	419-722-8022	<u>Ex-Officio Representatives —</u>	
Trustees: Deb Clevenger	419-306-1150	Financial Sec: Jake Leu	567-208-7739
Bart Welte	419-721-7127	Minister: Deb Noll	419-560-1988
Dan Settlage	419-303-2513	Youth Ministry Coordinator: Amy Gibson	
Joe Creque	419-672-8318		419-348-1653
Wayne Young	419-722-1801	Youth Board Representative:	
Sr. SS Supt: Sally Valentage	419-306-1585	Amanda Price	419-957-1988

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

Attendance: Jan Grieser, Jane Follas, Sally Valentage, Minister Deb Noll, Dan Settlage, Wayne Young, Lynn Boehm, Jake Leu, Amy Gibson, Sean Adams, 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 and the Council prayer.

COUNCIL GUIDANCE – Jan Grieser

The Chair presented the following scriptures to guide us in 2026 as well as the devotional “Joy” by Robert Strand.

- *Gal. 5:22-25 – “But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control; here there is no conflict with Jewish laws. Those who belong to Christ have nailed their natural evil desires to his cross and crucified them there. If we are living now by the Holy Spirit’s power, let us follow the Holy Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.”*
- *John 13:34-35 – “A new command I give you: love one another; as I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jake Leu

Account Balances at January 31, 2026

Checking	
Current	97,428.40
Council Discretionary	682.79
Improvement	1,690.61
Missions	1,367.22
Special Projects	
Shipwreck Festival	2,337.09
Music	2,470.51
C. Price Memorial Funds	10,656.98
Bell Choir	1,665.58
Special Projects - Other	0.06
	17,130.22
Total Quickbooks Operating/MMDA	\$ 118,299.24
Operating Account	49,655.71
Money Market Demand Accounty (MMDA)	100,760.65
Total Operating/MMDA - Bank	\$ 150,416.36
Outstanding Deposits at 1/31/26	-
Outstanding Checks at 1/31/26	(32,117.12)
Total Reconciled Operating/MMDA	\$ 118,299.24
Savings	
General Memorial	\$ 14,821.69

- We had several large payments due in January which exceeded the budgeted amount for the month, including property taxes which were ~\$500 over what was budgeted.
- Account balances and financial statements were reviewed. Total income in January 2026 was \$16,871.92 vs. a budgeted amount of \$16,945.45. Total expenses for the same period were \$44,057.77 vs. \$22,908.37 budgeted. Interest income generated by our Money Market account is estimated at roughly \$230 for January 2026.
- Designated Income received in January was \$865. The first quarter 2026 recipient of this income is City Mission of Findlay.
- There is currently a balance of \$682.79 in the Council Discretionary Fund.

MINISTER'S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS – Deborah Noll

- The funeral service of Rosalyn Loetz will be held at St. Paul on Friday, Feb. 13 at 11am.
- A New Members Inquiry Class will be scheduled in the near future following a membership request.
- A dart ball tournament will begin at 10am this Saturday in the fellowship hall.
- The Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly will be held on May 30, 2026 from 9am to 6pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Bowling Green. St. Paul can send two adults and one youth/young adult to the assembly along with Minister Deb.
- The ELCA publication *Living Lutheran* is asking for input for “the next great story” and would like St. Paul to submit a story about what we're doing as a rural congregation. If you are willing to write a story, contact Minister Deb for submission information.
- Who is responsible for plowing the cemetery? A couple members have gotten stuck when attempting to visit grave sites. The Chair noted we're in the process of increasing the number of Cemetery Trustees.
- See full report at end of minutes.

YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT – Amy Gibson

Highlights:

- January
 - 4th – Ignite 6–8pm (Attendance 10)
 - 7th – WNL 5:45–7:30pm
 - 8th – Youth Board Meeting 7:30pm
 - 11th – Confirmation 5–6pm
 - 11th – ReFUEL 6–8pm
 - 18th – Confirmation 5–6pm
 - 21st – WNL 5:45–7:30pm
 - 25th – Confirmation 5-6pm

Upcoming:

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

- 15th – Confirmation 5–6pm
- 22nd – Confirmation 5–6pm
- 22nd – ReFUEL 6–8pm

Ongoing:

- Planning and Execution of ReFUEL, Ignite, Wednesday Night Live (WNL), Fundraisers, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School Games and Confirmation
- 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
- New members include Charlene Agapiou and Amanda Leu who will serve as Youth Board Secretary.

Council Requests: N/A

TRUSTEES REPORT – Dan Settlage

- Joe Creque has printed and posted the updated Fellowship Hall rules.
- The second set of doors were intermittently locking again during the day per Jane on 1/15/26. Brian Bell was contacted and he was to adjust some settings remotely and now it seems to be working. I haven't heard of any issues since then.
- Eternal flame update: Bart Welte, Wayne Young, and Joe Creque tried to locate this candle after asking Jason Kemerley and he wasn't aware of where it was. Wayne also believed that the Kemerley family were the original donors and after discussing with both Jason and Christine, they had no interest in locating or re-installing it.
- Priority items in progress include:
 - Christ candle battery options
 - Drywall ceiling crack and options for cleaning vs. painting sanctuary
 - Lighting in welcome space (obsolete can lights vs. pricing of entire system)
 - Carpet cleaning schedule
 - Repair/replace lights around exterior cross (spring)
 - Playground equipment installation (spring)
 - Joe has also been working diligently on organizing trustee tasks/to-do lists/references with a *Trustee Reference Book* that he's developed. Thanks for your hard work on this, Joe!

PARISH EDUCATION – Sally Valentage

- A Kids Praise party will be held tomorrow night, and a scaled-back version of KP will be held during Lent.
- A Movie Night is planned this Sunday with a Toy Story theme.
- A Community Easter Egg hunt will be held on March 28, 2026.
- Campership forms will be available soon.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- As published in the News of the Flock, bedding items collected in January for the Women's Resource Center of Findlay included 25 sets of sheets, 14 blankets, and 22 pillows. This committee continues to find ways to serve and meet the needs of others, and thanks the congregation for all they are willing to share with others.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Tom Marquart, Keith Robinson, and Pete Wilson have been asked to be coordinators/maintenance men for special events like weddings and funerals. They are willing to serve until April, but after that we'll need volunteers.
- There's a signup sheet in the welcome space for volunteers to help with Lenten soup suppers which will be organized by Nadine & Lynn Boehm.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Chair and church secretary will review and update member names on annual cleaning committees.
- As mentioned in the Minister's Report, more people will be added to the number of Cemetery Trustees.

- The Chair will attend the Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly on May 30 as one of two adult delegates and one youth/young adult. Early registration ends on April 30, 2026. Please contact the Chair or Minister Deb if you're willing to represent St. Paul at this assembly.
- Minister Deb inquired about having a contingency plan(s) in place in case of sudden illness of the minister, organist, and/or the church secretary. She noted members can go to the synod website and print sermons in case of emergency.
- The Chair asked about emergency exit plans in the event of protesters and/or an active shooter.
- Sean Adams will assist Minister Deb with the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday.
- Discussion was held on passing the offering plates again instead of just having one plate at the back.

ADJOURN

- The meeting adjourned with prayer requests and The Lord's Prayer at 8pm. The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2026 at 7pm.

Natalie McClelland, Recording Secretary

**St. Paul Congregational Council
February 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 Megan O'Brien. Megan is a lay leader at St. John Lutheran Church in Williston, Ohio, and serves as the Vice President of Luther Home of Mercy, a social service organization dedicated to helping adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities live as they choose.

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13: 34–35)

Megan writes: I'll never forget the lessons I learned from leading my first fundraiser. As a first-year teacher, a student in my fourth-grade class (let's call him “George”) accidentally flushed his hearing aid down the toilet. Not wanting George to fall behind, I organized a donut sale at church, collected just enough money for the replacement, and proudly handed a check directly to George's family. But George never got a new hearing aid.

Whenever the question is asked, “Won't loving everybody make me a doormat?” I think of what I learned from that attempt to help George. I'm sad that he never received the new hearing aid, but I also know that his family was facing numerous hardships. I will never know how that money was spent, but I like to think it was life-giving to George's family in some other way.

While we can be wise and responsible stewards of our gifts, we cannot ultimately control what the receiver does with what we give. But does that make the gift any less worthy? If people don't use what we give in the way we had hoped, does that mean we should stop giving? Twenty-five years later, there are certainly things I would do differently—but I would still want to help George. Because being a disciple isn't about judging how people use the gifts we give them. It's about loving them anyway.

1. Who are the “Georges” in your community?
2. How can we show love to people even when we don't agree with the choices they've made?

Let us Pray: Loving God, You teach us to love one another—not as a suggestion, but as a command. You give, even when You know we might waste the gift. Teach me to love like that. Give me a heart that is generous, not just with money, but with grace. Remind me that loving others does not make me a doormat—it makes me a disciple. Lord, I lift up the “Georges” in my community—Those who are in need, those I don't fully understand, and even those whose choices I struggle with. May I see them the way You see me: With mercy, compassion, and love. In Your name, Amen.

Activity Since the January Council Meeting:

Worship, Church Functions, Member Contact Outside of Worship

- Worship Services (x6)
- Worship Devotion via Prayer Chain (x1)
- Hospital Visits (x2)
- In-office Prayer Meeting (x1)
- In-office, at home, assisted living, rehab, and phone visitations (x9)
- Staff Meeting (x2)
- Confirmation Class (x3)
- Community Meal (x1)
- “The Jokers” Card Group (x2)
- Choir (x2)
- Kids Praise (x2)
- Dartball (x2)
- WELCA (x1)
- *Our Daily Bread* Community Meal (x1)
- Funeral Planning w/families (x2)
- Funeral Service (x1)
- Funeral Visitations (x1)

Related Church Activities

- SAM Supervisor Check-in (x2)
- SAM Cohort (x1)

Community Involvement

- Serenity Spring Worship (x1)

Candidacy/Seminary Update

- Psychological Evaluation – On-going.
- ELCA application for candidacy has been completed, entrance essays and interviews on-going.

Upcoming Events

- Ash Wednesday – February 18, 2026, 7:00pm Worship
- Mid-Week Soup Suppers (6:00pm) Worship (7:00pm) – February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026
- Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Josephine Courtney, March 15, 2026 @ 9:00am Worship
- First Communion Retreat (date to be determined)
- New Members Inquiry Class (dates & time to be determined)
- Family Ministry Organizational Meal and Meeting (March 5 or 19, yet to be determined)
- Palm Sunday – March 29, 2026 (youth skit, procession of palms, Passion narrative, 5th Sunday Faith Story)
- Renewal of Vows Worship & Blessing of Oil Service @ St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, North Baltimore, SAM breakfast with the Bishop
- Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026

Vacation

- No vacation scheduled at this time.

For Council Consideration

- Reminder: Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly – May 30, 2026, 9:00am to 6:00pm at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Bowling Green. Two Adult, one youth/young Adult + SAM; \$100 per person; early Registration ends April 30, 2026.
- *Living Lutheran* is asking for input for the “next great story”. Would St. Paul like to submit a story about what we are doing through Kids Praise, Community Meals and Outreach, etc. As a rural congregation, we

offer and do a lot for the broader community. I have the information for making submissions, if someone would like to take this on as a project.

Respectfully Submitted
Deb Noll, Synod Authorized Minister

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MARCH 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: Uncover – Marjorie Reichley
LECTOR: Janet Carey
WEBSITE COORDINATOR: Chelsea Boehm

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

Nadine Boehm — nadineb@thewavz.com or 419-722-6370
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 FEBRUARY 2026: family and friends of Dwayne Amstutz (*former client of Jill Bower*); Kelly Carder (*neighbor of Valentage's*); Zac Carman; Vicki Dinovo (*Tammy von Stein's mother*); family and friends of Dan Fagan (*former co-worker of Tom Valenntage*); John Jordan (*son of Judy [Grieser] Jordan*); Norm Hahn; family and friends of Rosalyn Loetz; Steve McClelland; family and friends of Dan Rengert (*close friend to Minister Deb and Dick from St. John, Cardington*); Carol Russell (*friend of Ingram's*); family and friends of Vera Sheets; Kassie Stine (*Kelly's daughter*); Jeff Taiclet (*nephew of Jane Wilch*); Ginny Walters (*HS classmate of Christine Kemerley*); Crosby Willford (*son of Crystal and Adam*); Louise Wilson; David Wolford; all military personnel including — 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.

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

Dartball collected and donated \$240 to the mats in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to the members of Dartball for your donation.

Thank you for the willing helpers for the Dartball Saturday League Tournament on Saturday, February 14, 2026. Your help was greatly appreciated. St. Paul Seniors took 1st place in the tournament. *Linda Wilson*

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Movie night. It was a great success. We had 30 kids present and all had a great time. Also, a special thanks to Ed and Tammy von Stein for setting up and taking down the projector for us. Thanks again, Parish Ed

The family of Vera Sheets wishes to thank everyone who made her celebration of life and funeral service so very special. Thank you, to all the musicians, to so many of God's Ordinary People who were present, to the audio/visual personnel whose technical skills added to the atmosphere of the day. Thank you to the kitchen crew (and those who donated food) who worked tirelessly providing a delicious meal. Thank you, to those who worked behind the scenes to make the day a wonderful remembrance. Thank you, to Jane for all the administrative work she did to prepare for the service. A HUGE thank you to Minister Deb for all the time preparing and coordinating the service. We were so humbled by the tireless work she put into the service. The service celebrated Vera perfectly! To say, "Thank you," doesn't seem like enough, but it is what we have to say. God bless each of you,
The Vera Sheets' Family, Kevin and Kathy, Kreg and Chris.

Dear St. Paul Church, Blessings to you all. The receipt of your amazing gift to Not an Ordinary Place (NOP) touched my heart greatly. My love for the individuals with developmental disabilities is immense. Therefore, I am adding this gift to our Multi-Purpose Building Fund. This building will be an awesome space for us to congregate together; as well as with our greater community. Thank you so much!! Much Peace and Many Blessings!
Beth Bell – NOP

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to ~ ~

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Rosalyn Viola Loetz. Rosalyn, 88, passed away on Friday, February 6th. Rosalyn's funeral was held here at St. Paul on Friday, February 13th

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Vera Jean Sheets. Vera, 85, passed away on Saturday, February 14th. Vera's funeral was held here at St. Paul on Saturday, February 21st.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Byron Lynn Boehm. Lynn, 68, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, February 24th. Lynn's funeral was held here at St. Paul on Wednesday, March 4th.

May the family and friends of Rosalyn Loetz, Vera Sheets, and Lynn Boehm feel God holding them close and fill them with resurrection hope.

NEW ADDRESS: Olivia [Orwick] Homera
6750 Hamilton Eaton Road
Somersville, OH 45064

**** Men's Faith and Fellowship will meet on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00PM in the Library.**

MISSING: After one of our recent funeral dinners, we are missing a 6 quart orange/gold pyrex serving bowl and also a round Tupperware lid. If you may have taken either one of them by mistake, please return it to the church kitchen. Thank, the WELCA Funeral Dinner Committee

Sunday School Option – The conference room Sunday School is starting a new movie Series, “The Chosen”. This movie digs deeper into the back stories of the people and events of the Gospel. Come join us for the movie, discussion and fellowship.

2026 FIRST QUARTER DESIGNATED OFFERING is for: City Mission of Findlay. City Mission is a Christian organization with a purpose to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ through their actions towards others, specifically those in need. City Mission's mission statement is: To provide emergency help to the homeless and hungry through collaborative efforts to meet physical, spiritual, vocational, and mental health needs. To offer the compassion, time, and tools to help those who are served make life-changing choices. Their vision is to seek to end homelessness and hunger by providing food, shelter, discipleship, and access to essential services to men, women, and children. City Mission is located at 510 West Main Cross Street, Findlay, Ohio. Phone: 419-423-9151. E-mail: info@findlaymission.org. Donations to benefit City Mission of Findlay can be made through your 2026 Giving Envelope and listed in the box marked Designated.

For this Lenten season we have a new bulletin board display in the hallway. Amy is asking for people of all ages to stop by and fill out a card. Then pin it to the board. During Lent we engage in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Let's show our youth/children of the church that Lent is not a punishment but a life-long practice to help bring us closer to Christ.

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.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM SPONSORED BY:

ST. PAUL LYO

THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS EASTER FLOWER

SALE WILL GO TOWARDS: St. Paul Youth Projects

Offered is a 12-inch pansy bowl (and/or) a 6½ inch pot of tulips in Easter colors at a cost of \$14.00 per plant.

Order forms are available on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space.

Deadline for placing order is: SUNDAY, MARCH 15th.

Sewing Days for March will be on Tuesday, March 10th and Tuesday, March 24th from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. Come all of the time or part of the time. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. Come all of the time or part of the time. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. There were 11 people at the Sewing Day on Tuesday, February 24th. 4 quilts were brought in and 3 quilts were finished for a total of 37 quilts.

ReFUEL and Ignite Information for March 2026

Sunday, March 1 st	Ignite	6:00PM – 8:00PM
Sunday, March 8 th	ReFUEL	6:00PM – 8:00PM
Sunday, March 22 nd	ReFUEL	6:00PM – 8:00PM

Confirmation Class Information for March

Sundays, March 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd Confirmation Class 5:00PM – 6:00PM
NO CONFIRMATION CLASS on Sunday, March 29th

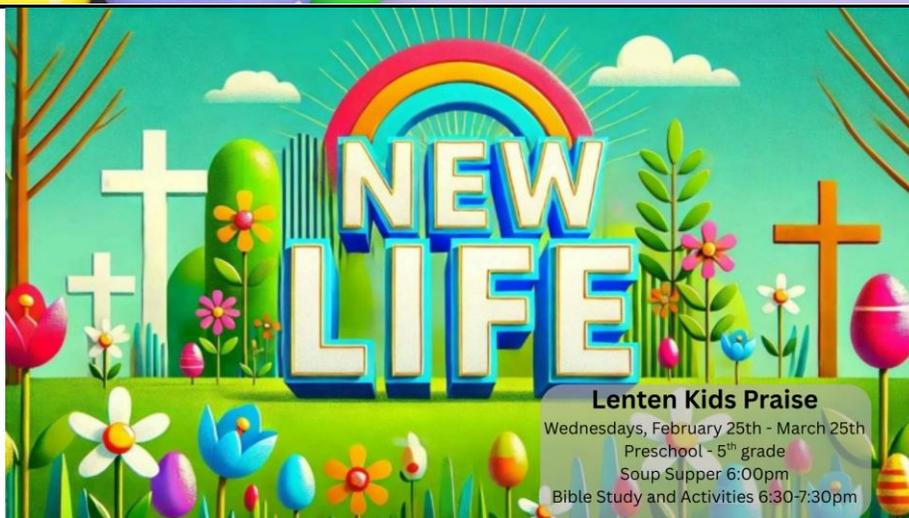
HELP FILL THE NEED ~ Donate blood!

**Blood Drive — Good Hope Lutheran Church ~ Fellowship Hall, 300 South Main Street, Arlington
Thursday, March 5, 2026 — 1:00PM – 6:00PM**

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: GOODHOPELUTHERAN. ** There is a flyer on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space. **

There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space for volunteers to help with the Soup Suppers during Lent and also needed each week are three large loaves of Italian Bread. Your help is greatly appreciated. Soup Suppers are served beginning at 6:00PM.

**Parish Board Meeting and filling Easter Eggs will be on Thursday, March 19th at 7:00PM.
The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday March 28th at 3:00PM for ages preK to 5th grade.**



CHURCH CLEANING ~ 2026

Our aim is to give our church a **general cleaning** once a year. It is a big task, and each of us should feel the responsibility to help in some way, if possible. There has been a good response on the part of many in the way we have done this cleaning for many, many years. The same cleaning groups are kept, but the chairmanship is rotated. **This list names the chairperson for 2026, and the vice chairperson who will be chairperson in 2027.** If for any reason you will not serve, please notify the chairperson of your committee. If you wish to trade places with someone on another committee, you may, but please notify the chairperson of the committees involved.

There is no rule about when the work should be completed, but we aim for completion by Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026. Chairpersons should co-ordinate their committee's schedule of work with the custodians, who are the general chairperson of all the committees. The work plan may be announced in the Sunday bulletin, or personally to the members of the cleaning committees involved. **Please be sure to notify the church secretary, Jane Wilch, (419-326-3535) when you decide which day or evening that you will be working, so that conflicts with other church meetings can be avoided.** Major cleaning supplies will be furnished. The chairperson or committees may turn in to the trustees any suggestions that they, or any of their committee, think good to consider. Please check with the custodians before any major cleaning of carpets are done.

THE FOUR AREA COMMITTEES AND THE CHAIRPEOPLE

#1 Nave / Chancel / Sacristy

Pete Wilson, CHP.

Christine Kemerley, VCHP.

Larry Parke
Linda Isenbarger
Doug Coldren (drums)
Sean Tobin
Craig Durliat
Jerry Kimmel
James Kemerley
Merritt von Stein
Scott McDowell
Heather Walters
Beth Bell
Andrew Follas
Mike Ingram
Lisa Gossman
Amy Krantz
Ron McDowell
Tom Boehm
Mike Hoffman
Dave Wolford
Nathan Cowan
Beth Wilhelm
Marty Grieser
Mark Bower
Chad Parke

#2 Education Wing

Ryan Riegle, CHP.

Allen Boehm, VCHP.

Ryan Leisure
Joe Loy
Jane Follas
Dustin Price
Steve Clark
Gary Wilson
Justin Gillespie
Britt Gibson
Tom Valentage
Mike Orwick
Rachel Hartman
RuthAnn Bower
Ron Riegle
Mike Stoltz
Sean Adams / Kelly
Kreg Sheets
Jake Leu
Pat Woodruff

**#3 Fellowship Hall / Kitchen /
Conference Room**

Jill Bower, CHP.

Ruth Lamberjack, VCHP.

Dan Settlege
Bob Coldren
Lynn Boehm
Vera Sheets
Steve McClelland
Doug Coldren
Marjorie Reichley
Bart Welte
Ed von Stein
Kay Sidle
Steve Reichley
Keith Bower
Nancy Smith
John Wilson
Mike Lentz
Nate Sheets
Nik Boehm
Chelsea Boehm
Wayne Young
Deb Clevenger
Roger Rettig
Marcia Russell

**#4 Welcome Space / Offices / Nursery /
Restrooms**

Tom Marquart, CHP.

Derek Kerner, VCHP.

Melissa Kroske
John Rettig
Lauren Etler
Caleb von Stein
Cheryl Gast
Tom Carey
Paul Hartman
Dan Ludwig
Willis Marquart
James Marshall
Gerald Rettig
Kendra Rodriquez
Jan Grieser
Lee Laird
Amber Hirt
Deb Best
Joe Creque
Jeff Pepple
Aaron Smith
Phyllis Rettig
Mitch Wilson
Keith Robinson
Ryan Robinson

You are ALL very much needed!

**If your name has been overlooked, please call the
church office — 419-326-3535.**

Mistakes can be made with this many names!

MARCH 2026 BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

March 2026 Birthdays

Sunday, March 1 st	Roger Rettig
Tuesday, March 3 rd	Reis Steinmetz
Wednesday, March 4 th	Amanda Leu
Friday, March 6 th	Sean Tobin
Saturday, March 7 th	Greg Hartman
Saturday, March 7 th	Raigan Smith
Sunday, March 8 th	Kieran Price
Sunday, March 8 th	Kollins Robinson
Monday, March 9 th	Loretta Bower
Monday, March 9 th	Stephanie Gossman
Monday, March 9 th	Jameson Krantz
Wednesday, March 11 th	Dylen Hartman
Wednesday, March 11 th	Tom Marquart
Saturday, March 14 th	Justin Gillespie
Saturday, March 14 th	Lisa Gossman
Saturday, March 14 th	Austin Grieser
Saturday, March 14 th	Linda Wilson
Sunday, March 15 th	Willis Marquart
Monday, March 16 th	Mary M. Wilson
Tuesday, March 17 th	Lindsay Boehm
Wednesday, March 18 th	Darwin Wilson
Thursday, March 19 th	Michael Bower
Thursday, March 19 th	Cameron Settlege
Thursday, March 19 th	Norah Welly
Friday, March 20 th	Morgan Smith
Friday, March 20 th	Payton Smith
Sunday, March 22 nd	Tim Bower
Monday, March 23 rd	Emilee Bower
Monday, March 23 rd	Melody McCloud
Tuesday, March 24 th	Tina Cowan
Tuesday, March 24 th	Connor Rader
Tuesday, March 24 th	Ruth Tobin
Tuesday, March 24 th	Ed von Stein
Tuesday, March 24 th	Bethanee Yost
Wednesday, March 25 th	Matthew Bower
Friday, March 27 th	Ben Grieser
Friday, March 27 th	John Wilson
Sunday, March 29 th	Steve McClelland
Sunday, March 29 th	Dru Sidle
Tuesday, March 31 st	Emily Depuy



March 2026 Wedding Anniversaries

Thursday, March 12 th	Van and Jane Follas – 50
Sunday, March 15 th	Joe and Toni Loy – 46
Wednesday, March 25 th	James and Jessica Kemerley – 20



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ MARCH 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 4:00PM Rock N Roll 4H Meeting 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation 6:00PM – 8:00PM Ignite	2	3 3:00PM – 7:00PM Visitation for Lynn Boehm 7:00PM Worship Committee Meeting	4 10:00AM – 11:00AM Visitation for Lynn Boehm 11:00AM Funeral Service for Lynn Boehm 6:00PM Soup Supper 7:00PM Lenten Worship 7:00PM Kids Praise PreK–5 th grade 8:00PM Senior Choir Practice	5 1:30PM – 4:30PM “The Jokers” 6:00PM Family Ministry Organizational Meeting	6	7
8 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS / SPRING FORWARD 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 2:00PM Minister Deb leading Worship at Serenity Spring 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL	9	10 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting	11 6:00PM Soup Supper 7:00PM Lenten Worship 7:00PM Kids Praise PreK–5 th grade 8:00PM Senior Choir Practice	12 1:30PM – 4:30PM “The Jokers” 6:00PM – 7:00PM Girl Scouts / SS Room and Library 7:00PM Men’s Faith and Fellowship / Library	13	14
15 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00AM Traditional Worship Baptism of Josephine Courtney 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 1:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved for Baby Shower 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 7:00PM WELCA Meeting	18 6:00PM Soup Supper 7:00PM Lenten Worship 7:00PM Kids Praise PreK–5 th grade 8:00PM Senior Choir Practice	19 1:30PM – 4:30PM “The Jokers” 7:00PM Parish Education Board Meeting / filling Easter Eggs	20 START OF SPRING	21 9:00AM – NOON 1 st Communion Retreat / Conference Room / Kitchen / Sacristy
22 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL	23	24	25 6:00PM Soup Supper 7:00PM Lenten Worship 7:00PM Kids Praise PreK–5 th grade	26 1:30PM – 4:30PM “The Jokers” 6:00PM – 7:00PM Girl Scouts / SS Room and Library	27	28 3:00PM Easter Egg Hunt / Fellowship Hall
29 PALM SUNDAY 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion <u>NO</u> Confirmation Class	30	31	ALTAR GUILD: Uncover – Marjorie Reichley LECTOR: Janet Carey ORGANISTS: March 1 st – Janet Carey March 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , and 29 th – Lisa Gossman Lenten Worship: March 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , and 25 th : Lisa Gossman			