



## 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"

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<sup>19</sup> [Jesus said,] "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

Dear Friends,

Jesus' closing words as written in Matthew's gospel are known as the Great Commission. Jesus speaks them to his disciples but they are meant for all believers. "Go therefore and make disciples . . ." is the call given in Holy Baptism. Obeying the call may be difficult when you are unsure of what to say or how to begin; being equipped with some simple tools may help prevent hesitation.

I came across some tools for sharing the gospel with others compiled by Doug Holiday in an article found at: <https://www.sonlife.com/blog/sharing-the-gospel/gospel>. The following are only two of the tools shared in helping to prepare for sharing God's message of love and forgiveness:

**YMCA** (incorporates John 3:16 as the one verse to build the gospel message around)

**YOU** are loved by God. "*For God so loved the world ...*"

**MAN** is sinful and [sin] separates us from God. "*... shall not perish...*"

**CHRIST** died on the cross as the only payment for our sin. "*... that He gave His one and only Son ...*"

**ACCEPT** God's gift of eternal life by faith. "*... whoever believes in Him shall...have eternal life.*"

**G.O.S.P.E.L. Life in Six Words** [from the *Dare 2 Share* training tool for children].

**GOD** created us to be with Him.

**OUR** sins separate us from God.

**SINS** cannot be removed by good deeds.

**PAYING** the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.

**EVERYONE** who trusts [and believes] in Him alone has eternal life.

**LIFE** with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

There are four key elements to remember when sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ crucified and risen. The four keys to be included are: A) *God's Love*, B) *Human Sin*, C) *Christ's Death and Resurrection*, and D) *Our Response—to trust and believe*. Also, remember to: 1) Keep it simple; 2) Don't Hesitate to bring it up; and 3) Invite the listener to respond to what they have heard. Three follow-up questions to consider when ending a Spirit-driven conversation are: What do you think? Does this make sense? Would you like to hear more?

If you are not already giving active witness to the Lord, Jesus Christ, Easter may be a good time to start.

Proclaim the Good News!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Minister Deb

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**ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2025**

*Attendance: Dan Settlege, Jane Follas, Deb Clevenger, Jake Orwick, Minister Deb Noll, Emily Clark,  
Nathan Cowan, Tom Carey, Tom Marquart, Jan Grieser, Kendra Parke 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.

Kendra Parke provided a plan to turn our current library into a functioning, organized library for use by the congregation. The plan included how to do it, potential categories, and possible concerns. She noted there is a library app we could use to get started. The first step would be to review what we have, and invite congregational input via survey. Kendra will put a notice in the bulletin about the plan.

Steve Rankey, member of the Arlington UM Church, spoke to Council members about an ecumenical brochure to mail to the community featuring area churches, worship services & times, other programs and activities. The purpose of the brochure is to get information into the hands of people who don't go to church and inform people who do attend what's going on in other churches. Steve suggested mailings twice a year; one before Easter and one before Christmas, and following up with a personal contact. After reviewing costs, Dan Settlege offered to get additional estimates. Discussion was held on how to follow up. At this point, the churches included in the mailing are Good Hope, Arlington UM Church and St. Paul. But Steve would like to get Bible Fellowship Church involved as well as Redeemer Covenant Church. It was suggested that Community Bible Church also be contacted, as well as Trinity Lutheran Church in Jenera. More discussion will be held during New Business.

Council prayer: Our gracious God, You have called us to be Your people and to bring Your word to our community. Help us to respond to the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit, so that all we do is done according to Your will and gives praise and glory to Your name. Amen.

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

*Value #1 – We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as proclaimed in the Holy Bible and the Apostles' Creed.*

*Value #2 – We believe that all people are justified by grace through faith and are called to forgive as we have been forgiven by God.*

Update on goals for Council:

Update all job descriptions and update bylaws

- Will work with staff support to create new job descriptions
- The constitution needs updated – tabled until after the July Synod assembly

Develop a five-year plan for ministry and building

- Will meet with four area church council chairs on March 4
- Adam Willford is filling out an application after which we'll have a conversation with the Synod

Keep council informed of Synod's activities and programs

- elca.org
- Living Lutheran weekly email
- Seeds monthly
- nwos–elca.church.org or nwoscares.org/
- On the Way: News from NWOS

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

## FINANCIAL REPORT – Jake Leu

- The Chair reported on behalf of Jake, noting that \$80,000 was moved from our Money Market account to the Current fund to pay for new flooring. The first payment is \$36,200.50.
- Discussion continued on a recipient of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter designated income. Potential recipients could include the Women’s Resource Center, Christian Clearing House, St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, and Habitat for Humanity. Dan Settlege moved that 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter designated income be given to St. Jude’s, and Jake Orwick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Financial statements were provided. Total income from Jan–Feb 2025 was \$37,303.14 vs. a budgeted amount of \$38,558.66. Total expenses for the same period were \$105,774.63 actual vs. \$45,211.74 budgeted.
- Interest income generated by our Money Market account is estimated at \$579.47 for February 2025.
- Account balances at February month-end are as follows:

### Account Balances at February 28, 2025

#### Checking

Current	170,450.79
Council Discretionary	496.33
Improvement	552.45
Missions	14,859.77
Special Projects	
Shipwreck Festival	2,287.85
Music	2,418.44
C. Price Memorial Funds	27,667.74
Bell Choir	1,416.48
Special Projects - Other	0.06
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**Total Quickbooks Operating/MMDA** **\$ 220,149.91**

Operating Account	24,439.93
Money Market Demand Accounty (MMDA)	205,843.36
<b>Total Operating/MMDA - Bank</b>	<b>\$ 230,283.29</b>

Outstanding Deposits at 2/28/25	-
Outstanding Checks at 2/28/25	(10,133.38)
<b>Total Reconciled Operating/MMDA</b>	<b>\$ 220,149.91</b>

#### Savings

General Memorial	\$ 14,770.21
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## TRUSTEES REPORT – Tom Marquart

- Most of the lights in the church have been updated, reflecting 400 new bulbs. Thank you to Wayne Young.
- New floor mats have been purchased and put down. A request was made for another mat underneath the drinking fountains which sometimes poses a slipping hazard, especially during VBS and Kid’s Praise.
- New flooring in fellowship hall is nearly complete. The company and crew have been very good to work with and their work seems very professional. Donuts and coffee were provided for the crew every morning. Thank you to Wayne Young for helping oversee this project.
- Discussion was held on when to move everything back into the fellowship hall. This should be done by or before Sunday. It was recommended we check all chair and table legs for plastic protective caps at that time.
- It was suggested that we consider buying portable carts for the tables instead of leaning them against the wall. It was also recommended that sealable buckets be purchased to hold the (leaking) sandbags which serve as weights for the portable basketball hoops. Discussion was then held on installing a permanent basketball hoop(s) at some point.
- A request was made for additional handicapped parking just south of the main entrance. Suggestions included painting the lines blue in that area, or painting the words, “This area reserved for handicapped parking”.
- Discussion was held on what to do with the old chairs that were removed from the sanctuary. Some have been patched, but they don’t look that good. It was suggested we consider buying new chairs to replace them, similar to the ones purchased for use in the sanctuary.
- The Chair reported a church in Lima would like to have the railings from our old chapel, and will stop by to pick up.

## **MINISTER'S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS – Deborah Noll (see full report at end of minutes)**

- Recent church activities and upcoming events were reviewed.
- I'm requesting vacation days from Apr. 22–24.
- Retiring pastor Robin Owen may need to utilize the parsonage upstairs in the future.
- Discussion was held on the ecumenical brochure including follow-up with a personal contact, adding a Forest zip code, adding other local churches, and distributing brochures during the Arlington Festival Parade. Good Hope is willing to help fund spring and fall mailings, but cannot commit to following up door-to-door. Jacob Orwick made a motion to spend up to \$1 per brochure for 2 mailings of it. The motion was seconded by Tom Marquart and approved.
- The Chair mentioned that members of Good Hope who have participated in SAM foundational training will be coming to St. Paul in the near future to talk about the program.

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

### **Highlights:**

February 2 – ReFUEL: Beatitudes (6 attended)

9 – Ignite: Bowling (4 attended)

23 – ReFUEL: Bowling (9 attended)

Confirmation: 2, 16, 23

WNL: 5, 12, 19, 26

### **Upcoming:**

March 9 – Ignite: Walleye Game

16 – ReFUEL: Judging Others

30 – ReFUEL: Social Media-Your Story

Confirmation: 2, 16, 23, 30 (Amy was out of town for class on the 2nd)

Soup Supper: March 12 hosted by Youth

April 6 – Ignite

13 – ReFUEL

27 – ReFUEL

Confirmation – 6, 27

### **Ongoing:**

– Planning and Execution of ReFUEL, Ignite, Wednesday Night Live, Sunday School, Confirmation

– Communication: Newsletter Info, Flyers, Bulletin Board, Emails, Texts, Social Media Updates, Calendar, Website

– Attend: Youth Board, Parish Board, Staff Meetings, Council

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

## **PARISH EDUCATION – Emily Clark**

- Movie night was held on Feb. 16 with 60+ people in attendance.
- Over 50 kids attended the final night of Kid's Praise.
- Children's activities during Wednesday night Lenten services will be held from roughly 6:30–7:30pm.
- I'm working on First Communion details with Minister Deb.
- A Community Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 12.
- The Outreach Committee has offered to host an old-fashioned picnic after a single outdoor service on July 27 at 10am, led by St. Paul youth. The committee would like to rent a tent for people to sit under during the service as well as provide overflow space during the meal and activities. A quote was received of \$1,400 for a tent that holds 100 people. Dan Settlage will look into additional quotes for tent rental, and discussion will continue next month.
- RJ Coldren, Michelle Gibson, Leah Durliat, and Megan Follas have completed campership applications.

## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Tammy von Stein**

- February’s Community Meal was well attended with a total of 96 (which included take out meals). Pork loin, cheesy potatoes, beans, and dessert were served. Our next meal will be Sunday, March 30 and we’ll be serving spaghetti & meatballs with garlic toast, salad, and a variety of Amish made pies
- We will be having an 8–week food drive beginning April and running through May to help support Good Hope’s food pantry to assist families with children in need of food during the summer months when school is out. We’ll collect a different item every 2 weeks. More details to follow in the News of the Flock.
- Regarding Community Meals, Minister Deb reported that carryout meals have been taken to shut–in members and residents of Serenity Spring apartments.

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE – Minister Deb Noll**

- Worship themes from Easter to Pentecost have been planned.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Following discussion, it was decided that items will be moved back into the fellowship hall on Saturday at 1pm. Minister Deb noted she was very impressed with the outstanding work of local 4–H club members in moving these items out of the fellowship hall previously.
- An updated prayer chain list has been completed, but an app for easier distribution is still under review. Emily Clark reported an app called *Remind* could possibly be used for prayer requests. This will be further investigated.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Habitat for Humanity is celebrating 25 years. Emily will check with Parish Board about designating this summer’s VBS offering for this purpose.
- Regarding a Lenten soup supper hosted by Council on March 19, Dan Settlage will oversee bread, Jane Follas will donate punch, Natalie McClelland will bring brownies, and Deb Clevenger will help with the supper. Additional volunteers are welcome.

## **ADJOURN**

- Prior to adjournment, the Chair reviewed mission statement #3: “We believe that people who pray for God’s guidance and work together can make things happen.” The meeting adjourned with The Lord’s Prayer at 8:40pm. The next meeting will be held on April 8, 2025 at 7:00pm, led by Jan Grieser.

*Natalie McClelland, Recording Secretary*

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## **ST. PAUL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL SYNOD AUTHORIZED MINISTER’S REPORT MARCH 11, 2025**

**Word for Thought** – a devotion for the Year of Listening, provided by the Northwestern Ohio Synod, written by Pastor Drew Tucker, HopeWood Outdoors.

### **Northwestern Ohio Synod Year of Listening Memory Verse**

Isaiah 55:3a *“Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.”*

### **Scripture**

Psalm 139:7 *“Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?”*

### **Devotional Reflection**

Where do you find God’s wisdom? God’s will? God’s presence?

Often, we look to things outside ourselves, and with good reason! The Bible is God’s Written Word, inspired by the Holy Spirit. Of course we’d seek God’s wisdom there. The church is the Body of Christ, a community called together by God. Of course we’d seek God’s will within.

Too often, we act as though God can't speak through us. We have something of a species-wide imposter syndrome. We forget that God's first reaction to human beings was to say, "very good!" We forget that it was love for us, not pity, that led God to become human in Jesus.

When we seek God's wisdom, God's will, and God's presence, we certainly should look to the Bible. We certainly should engage the church. But we shouldn't forget to look within those creatures that God so fearfully and wonderfully made: us. The Psalmist reminds us that God is present everywhere, from the most obvious to the most hidden places. Do not let your inner self remain hidden when seeking connection with God.

When you listen for God, remember to listen to your body, your mind, and your spirit, for you are God's image bearer.

Do you have trouble listening for God's voice within yourself? Why do you think that is?  
What tools do you find helpful to differentiate between your selfish ambitions and God's leadership?

**Prayer:** Creative God, thank you for speaking in myriad ways. Help us to find your wisdom amidst scripture's pages, your will amongst communal discernment, and your presence within our very selves. As we listen within, call us out into your ministry, for your will, for the good of all your creation. Amen.

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

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

- Worship Services (x8)
- Ash Wednesday Worship (x1)
- "The Jokers" Card Group (x4)
- In-office, home, rehab, and phone visitations (x5)
- Hospital visitation (x1)
- Homebound Communion (x1)
- In-home distribution of Ashes (x3)
- Confirmation Classes (x3)
- Choir (x1)
- Worship Committee (x1)
- Outlined themes for Worship for Easter to Pentecost
- *Our Daily Bread* community meal (x1)
- Kids Praise (x2)
- Parish Board (x1)
- Movie Night (x1)
- WELCA (x1)
- Staff Meeting (x1)
- Meeting w/family to plan Faye Parcher funeral (x1)
- Faye Parcher funeral (x1)
- Prepared 5-week Lenten Bible Study *Read, Reflect, Relax in God's Word*
- Prepared Lenten Mid-Week Services & collected items for weekly Sensory Table display (x5)

#### **Related Church Activities**

- SAM Supervisor Session (x3)
- SAM Cohort Zoom Meeting (x1)
- SAM Report to Northwestern Ohio Synod (x1)
- Ecumenical Lunch (x1)
- Transitional Leaders Zoom Meeting (x1)

## Upcoming Events

- March 12, 19, 26, April 2, and 9 – Five Wednesdays of Lent; theme: *We Come with Open Hearts* Bible Study – *Read, Reflect, and Relax in God’s Word*, Soup Suppers, & Worship
- March 13, 2025 – Staff Meeting
- March 19, 2025 – Central Conference Ministerial Gathering @ Good Hope, w/Bishop Beaudoin
- March 23, 2025 – Serenity Spring Sunday afternoon worship
- April 5, 2025 – First Communion Retreat Saturday 9:00 to Noon (4 youth)
- April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday
- April 15, 2025 – Renewal of Vows in Fremont w/lunch with Bishop Beaudoin
- April 17, 2025 – Maundy Thursday w/Holy Communion and stripping of the altar
- April 18, 2025 – Good Friday, 2 services at 1:00 and 7:00
- April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday
- April 22–24, 2025 – Vacation
- May 17, 2025 – 9:00-4:00 Discernment Retreat in Bowling Green
- October 19, 2025 – (Harvest Home) Bishop Beaudoin is scheduled to be with us.
  - Regular Worship Schedule to be followed, adult Sunday School Bishop Beaudoin learning moment and Q&A

## Vacation Request

- Tuesday, April 22 to Thursday, April 24, 2025

## Items for Consideration

- Ecumenical Church Brochure – Prepared by Steve Rankey, Arlington United Methodist Church
- Do we want to participate in the mailing?
- Steve needs to get the brochure to the printers tomorrow for mailing window of 3/20–3/24, 2025

Respectfully Submitted  
Deb Noll  
Synod Authorized Minister

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR APRIL 2025

**SENIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Lisa Gossman  
**PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR:** Jan Grieser  
**HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Tammy Robinson  
**AUDIO VIDEO:** Marty Grieser and Ed vonStein  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Mary Coldren  
**LECTOR:** Melissa Kroske  
**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.

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**PERSONS ST. PAUL HAS PRAYED FOR DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025:** Dawn Curth (*friend of Jenny Welte*); Jon Gast; Marsha Grieser; Shane Grieser; Norm Hahn; Connie McClelland (*Steve’s sister*); Steve McClelland; Joann Musgrave (*co-worker of Sally Valentage*); family and friends of Faye Parcher (*Beth Wilhelm’s mother*); Debbie Purdy (*sister of Sally Valentage*); Norma Riegler (*starting chemo treatments & Betty Sharrer’s sister*); Evelyn Robison; Betty Sharrer & son Robert (*house fire*); Debra Sharrer (*Betty’s daughter*); Mark Shick (*friend of Mary Wilson*); Aaron Smith; Tom Valentage; Louise Wilson; all military personnel including — Griffin Hartman, Lance Leisure, Evan McMonigal, Justin Riegler, Nate Sheets, Colin and Annabelle Tobin, and Alex vonStein — Songambele Lutheran Church; Navajo Lutheran Mission School, Rock Point, AZ; Hancock County Religious Education; and Mission Possible for Haiti.

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## **Our Christian Sympathy is extended to ~ ~ ~**

**Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Faye Parcher.** Faye, 87, passed away on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at Birchaven Heights, Findlay. Beth Wilhelm is Faye’s daughter and R.J. (Mandy) and Ryan Wilhelm are her grandsons.

**Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Gerald Glick.** Gerald, 83, passed away on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. He is grandfather and great grandfather to Cory and Randi and Breyden and Paisley Glick. May the family and friends of Gerald Glick feel God holding them close and fill them with resurrection hope.

May the family and friends of Faye Parcher and Gerald Glick feel God holding them close and fill them with resurrection hope.

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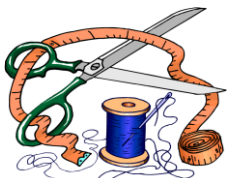
## **Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~**

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to the Rock N Roll 4-H group and others** for clearing out the Fellowship Hall and Conference Room in preparation for the installation of the new flooring which began on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**A BIG Thank You to all** who came out and helped with Cleaning Committee #4. We had a good turn out and were so appreciative!! Many hands lighten the load! A special thank you to Cheryl Lentz, who even though she wasn't on our committee, stayed and helped!! Truly appreciative of everyone's time and help!!

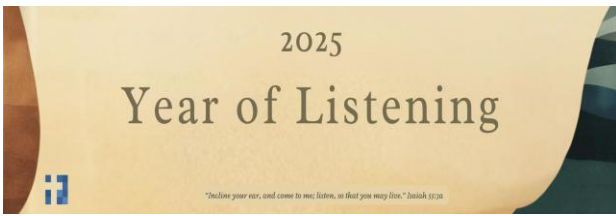
Keith and Tammy Robinson, Tom and Sandi Marquart

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**The April Sewing Days will be on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</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 11 people at the Sewing Day on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. There are a total of 55+ quilts finished.





## The Year of Listening

Welcome to **2025: The Year of Listening.**

The focus of the Northwestern Ohio Synod in 2025 is to learn the sacred art of listening. Listening to God. Listening to Ourselves. Listening to Others. And Listening to the Community.

God’s invitation to listen is a gift that permeates the

Scriptures. From the Shema, **“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might”** (Deuteronomy 6:4–5).

To the Psalms, **“Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer”** (Psalm 61:1).

To the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, **“Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock”** (Matthew 7:24).

To the words the Exalted Jesus repeats to the seven churches in Revelation, **“Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches”** (Revelation 2–3).

God longs for us to hear, so God invites us to listen.

The Synod has provided an eight-session Bible Study, Devotions for small gatherings, Weekly Listening Practices, and a New Testament Reading Plan. All the information can be found on the Northwestern Ohio Synod ELCA website <https://nwos-elca.church/listening/> and some parts will be shared with the St. Paul congregation throughout the year in the News of the Flock and monthly newsletter.

I’m excited to share in this “Year of Listening” and I hope you are too.

Blessings, Minister Deb

### ReFUEL and Ignite INFORMATION for APRIL

Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

Ignite — 6:00PM – 8:00PM  
 ReFUEL — 6:00PM – 8:00PM  
 ReFUEL — 6:00PM – 8:00PM

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES for APRIL

Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation Classes 5:00PM – 6:00PM  
 NOTE: **NO** Confirmation Classes – Palm Sunday  
 NOTE: **NO** Confirmation Classes – Easter Sunday  
 Confirmation Classes 5:00PM – 6:00PM

*Lenten Midweek*  
**Soup Suppers**

Hosted By:  
 March 12th - Youth  
 March 19th - Church Council  
 March 26th - WELCA  
 April 2nd - KP Kitchen Crew  
 April 9th - \*Volunteers Needed\*

If you are able to volunteer please contact Amy Gibson or Mary Coldren.

**6PM**

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE SOUP OR DESSERT TO SHARE!**

Wednesdays  
 March 12th-April 9th

*the EPIC*  
**EASTER TRIVIA**  
*Show*

The **ULTIMATE** Final Answer

Lenten Kids Praise!  
 Grades PreK-5  
 6:45-7:30pm

**The April Outreach Community Meal will be on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:00AM til 1:00PM.** There will be a sign-up sheet on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space to let them know how many will be attending.

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**Spring is in the air and Outreach has chosen a project for St Paul's congregation to help with in the coming weeks.** As summer will be approaching, many children will be at home raiding the cupboards, saying "I'm hungry!" Sound familiar :) So we would like to support Good Hope's food pantry in the months of April and May. Every 2 weeks we will be asking, if you are able, to bring in a different food item and place in the Welcome Space. Good Hope Lutheran Church has been contacted of St Paul's initiative Spring drive and are very THANKFUL for our support!! Last year we supplied many boxes of cereal, peanut butter and jelly – and all found a home to feed! Starting on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting

1) GRANOLA BARS. Granola bars of any kind: fruit filled; chewy with chocolate chips or cereal type. This would be something for kids to snack on without having to turn on a stove,

We will collect these granola bars until the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>. Be watching for the next item in the NEWS of the FLOCK!!! May St. Paul's congregation be a blessing to those in need and support Good Hope's food pantry!

**CELEBRATE! LIVE! AND SHARE!**

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**The WELCA April meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30PM. It is their annual Salad and Dessert Night. Bring your favorite salad or dessert. And also BRING A FRIEND!**

**EASTER BREAKFAST! Breakfast will begin at 8:30AM.** Bring your favorite Breakfast Casserole on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Easter Breakfast Committee 2025 is: Andrew and Lindsay Follas, Lee and Laurie Laird, Lynn and Nadine Boehm, Scott and Lisa McDowell, and Craig and Denise Durliat.

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*Read,  
reflect,  
relax*



**In God's Word**

**A Lenten Bible Study, 2025**

**This year, our Lenten Theme is: "We Come with Open Hearts".**

**Lent began with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Following is our mid-week schedule:**

**Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm – Worship with disposition of ashes and Holy Communion**

**Wednesdays, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>:**

**5:00pm — Bible Study – "Read, Reflect, Relax in God's Word"**

**6:00pm — Soup Suppers**

**7:00pm — Worship – "We Come with Open Hearts"**

**The Spiritual Practices of Lectio Divina (divine listening), Visio Divina (divine seeing), and Praying with Imagination (imagining different aspects of the text) will be explored in the weekly Bible Studies. The Wednesday Worship Services will feature a different one of the human senses each week. During the week before and the evening of, a sensory table will be on display by which to explore God's love in Christ through sight, sound, scent, touch, and taste.**

**There is a ReFUEL and Ignite Youth Group Meal sign-up sheet on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space.** If you are interested in providing our youth with dinner for youth group, please sign-up. Meals should be ready by 6:00PM. Please let Amy know in advance what you plan to provide. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**There is a Lenten Midweek Soup Supper sign-up sheet on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space.** Please sign up if there is an evening when you can donate an item or volunteer. Thanking you in advance.

**Sunday School Option: The Adult Sunday School class that meets in the conference room is providing an alternative format. They will be reviewing current Christian movies with conversation. All adults are welcome. Snacks will be provided.**

### **April 2025 Birthdays**

Tuesday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jill Bower
Thursday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Taylor Follas
Thursday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ronan Galloway
Thursday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Josh Luke
Saturday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Cooper Castle
Sunday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Zac Boehm
Monday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Henry Reichley
Monday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Liana Sidle
Tuesday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Nicole Inbody
Thursday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Patty Orwick
Thursday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sheryl Rettig
Friday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Carrie Ernsthausen
Friday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Marshall
Sunday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Crosby Reule
Sunday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Jody Wolford
Monday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Melanie Redburn
Thursday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	David Featheringill
Friday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan Gant
Saturday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Logan Sheets
Saturday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Karissa Welte
Sunday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Hartman
Sunday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Marcia Russell
Sunday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Julia Young
Monday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Michelle Gibson
Monday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Allie Settlege
Monday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Noah Tesner
Tuesday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jesse Rettig
Wednesday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mary Coldren
Wednesday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Joe Creque
Wednesday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Breydan Glick
Wednesday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Madison Hartman
Friday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Crates
Saturday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Kaydri Reichley
Saturday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Carson Rodriguez
Sunday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ilene Parke
Tuesday, April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Luke



### **April 2025 Wedding Anniversaries**

Sunday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Eric and Emily Shank – 12
Wednesday, April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jim and Stephanie Pertzborn – 20
Thursday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ron and Carol Riegle – 49
Friday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry and Beth Kimmel – 44
Thursday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sean and Nancy Tobin – 32
Saturday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Nate and Kim Trout – 17
Wednesday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chad and Diane Parke – 31
Thursday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Brock and Nikki Galloway – 15
Saturday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Bob and Allison Coldren – 22
Saturday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Randy and Theresa Grieser – 17
Tuesday, April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Corey and Amanda Henson – 19

Dear friends in Christ,

On Good Friday, April 18th, Good Hope Lutheran Church plans to once again host the annual Community Crosswalk. As in years past, participants will walk through the village of Arlington, taking turns carrying a large wooden cross, and stopping at several points along the way for Scripture and song.

No offering will be collected. The event will be held rain or shine (or snow or sleet!), and does involve walking a couple miles through town. We begin at 12 noon on the east side of Good Hope's building, 300 South Main in Arlington, and will end up back where we began no later than 1 p.m.

We have appreciated the participation of Christians throughout the area in years past, and certainly invite you to join us again this year.

If you would, please make mention of the Crosswalk in your newsletter or bulletin, and thank you for the consideration.

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Steve Ramsey



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## ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ APRIL 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b> Mary Coldren <b>LECTOR:</b> Melissa Kroske <b>ORGANISTS:</b> April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , and 27 <sup>th</sup> : Lisa Gossman April 6 <sup>th</sup> : Janet Carey		1	2 5:00PM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Soup Supper 6:45PM – 7:30PM Kids Praise 7:00PM Lenten Worship	3 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"	4	5 9:00AM – NOON 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat /Fellowship Hall
<b>6 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b> 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 2:00PM Rock N Roll 4–H / Fellowship Hall 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Classes 6:00PM – 8:00PM Ignite Meeting	7	8 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting	9 5:00PM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Soup Supper 6:45PM – 7:30PM Kids Praise 7:00PM Lenten Worship 7:45PM Senior Choir Practice	10 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"	11 4:00PM or 5:00PM #1 Worship / Sacristy Cleaning Committee	12 Morning #1 Cleaning Committee, if needed 3:00PM Easter Egg Hunt
<b>13 PALM SUNDAY [SUNDAY OF THE PASSION] / FIRST COMMUNION</b> 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion NO Confirmation Classes – Palm Sunday 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL Meeting	14	15 6:30PM WELCA Meeting / Salad and Dessert	16	17 MAUNDAY THURSDAY 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Service / Communion	18 GOOD FRIDAY 1:00PM Good Friday Service 7:00PM Good Friday Service	19 4:30PM – 9:00PM Boehm Family Easter / Fellowship Hall
<b>20 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD / EASTER DAY</b> 8:30AM Easter Breakfast 10:00AM Easter Day Service / Communion NO Confirmation Classes – Easter 4:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved by Rachel Hartman	21	22 NOON WELCA Salvation Army Soup Kitchen	23 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice	24 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"	25	26 9:00AM – NOON Outreach Committee / Fellowship Hall / Kitchen
<b>27 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 11:00AM – 1:00PM Outreach Community Meal 2:00PM Rock N Roll 4–H Meeting / Fellowship Hall 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Classes 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL Meeting	28	29	30			