



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"

MAY ~ 2026

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus our Lord.

(1 Corinthians 1:9)

Greetings,

Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to walk in the fellowship of Jesus as the disciples did? To hear the parables first hand? To be rebuked by Jesus, and then be witness to the way he loved children, widows, and outcasts? Scripture says that God calls us into fellowship with his Son—God gives us Jesus when we rise, when we are alone, and when we come to die! Because God gives us fellowship with Jesus, then we walk with him as his disciple today. I'm reminded of the words to the song, *Give me Jesus*.

*In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.*

*Refrain: Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, But give me Jesus.*

*And when I am alone, And when I am alone,
And when I am alone, Give me Jesus. (Refrain)*

*And when I come to die, And when I come to die,
And when I come to die, Give me Jesus. (Refrain)*

The verse, "And when I am alone," calls to mind times of loneliness. Loneliness that accompanies the loss of a loved family member or friend. Loneliness after committing a sin and feeling separated from God. Being alone is not God's plan. We read in Genesis, "... God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.'" (Genesis 2:18). In Holy Baptism, the baptized becomes a member of God's family and as such he/she is never alone. As part of God's family, you have many "partners," known and unknown, walking with you, and lifting you up in prayer. Our Sunday prayers are lifted up for "all who are in need" – that includes anyone who feels alone; each one of us is a person in need.

The fourteenth of May is the day of the Ascension of Our Lord. Jesus' promises his disciples, "...remember I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20b). When you feel lonely or alone, trust Jesus' words are true; lean into them and embrace God's love for you. It is my prayer that through Jesus' love for you, the feeling of loneliness will fade away.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). To know Jesus as Savior means to never walk alone. When we "walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another" (1 John 1:7). Ultimately God's plan is that his Church (the fellowship of all believers) comes together in fellowship; worshipping, caring for the poor and outcast, singing praises, loving the Father, with soul, and mind – loving our neighbor as Jesus loves us. The song says, "*Give me Jesus*". God gave us Jesus to walk with us, to die for us, so that even when we come to die, Jesus remains with us. What a fellowship the love of Jesus is!

Dear God, thank you for giving us Jesus so in life and death we are never alone. Amen.

Blessed By Christ's Love,
Minister Deb

2026 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Chairperson: Jan Grieser	419-889-3339	Deacons: Sean Adams	740-490-5308
Vice Chair: Andrew Follas	419-889-2915	Steve Clark	419-722-6060
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Treasurer: Jane Follas	419-722-7458		
Elder: Mary Coldren	419-722-5118		
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Dan Settlage	419-303-2513	Youth Ministry Coordinator: Amy Gibson	419-348-1653
Joe Creque	419-672-8318		
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Sr. SS Supt: Sally Valentage	419-306-1585	Amanda Price	419-957-1988

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026 – 7:00PM

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

CALL TO ORDER – Jan Grieser

- The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04pm 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 2026 Council goals, members reviewed the fruits of the spirit, with emphasis on kindness this month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jake Leu

Account Balances at March 31, 2026

Checking

Current	103,328.49
Council Discretionary	1,027.83
Improvement	4,135.99
Missions	10,071.81
Special Projects	
Shipwreck Festival	2,345.03
Music	2,734.33
C. Price Memorial Funds	10,693.16
Bell Choir	1,671.23
Special Projects - Other	0.06
	17,443.81

Total Quickbooks Operating/MMDA **\$ 136,007.93**

Operating Account 37,928.68

Money Market Demand Accounty (MMDA) 101,199.25

Total Operating/MMDA - Bank **\$ 139,127.93**

Outstanding Deposits at 3/31/26 -

Outstanding Checks at 3/31/26 (3,120.00)

Total Reconciled Operating/MMDA **\$ 136,007.93**

Savings

General Memorial \$ 17,207.08

- Account balances and financial statements were reviewed. Total income from Jan-Mar 2026 was \$64,977.92 vs. a budgeted amount of \$50,836.36. Total expenses for the same period were \$74,286.34 vs. \$68,724.95 budgeted. Interest income from our Money Market account is estimated to be roughly \$230 for March 2026.

- Designated income received in March was \$3,542. City Mission of Findlay will receive a check for \$7,092 reflecting contributions from the congregation to Designated Income during the first quarter of 2026. It was noted that donations from Lenten soup suppers were also given to City Mission. The recipient of second quarter Designated Income will be *Not an Ordinary Place* in Dunkirk.
- The balance of the Council Discretionary Fund is currently \$1,027.83. Discussion was held on recipients including the Jesse Coleman family (serious head injuries after a fall, currently hospitalized, wife expecting another child) or St. John's Lutheran Church Food Pantry in Findlay (in need of toiletry and hygiene products). Mary Coldren moved that we donate \$1,000 to the Jesse Coleman family. The motion was seconded by Jane Follas and carried.

MINISTER'S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS – Deborah Noll

- Upcoming events were reviewed and can be found in the full report at end of minutes.
- In addition to these events, Minister Deb will be meeting with Tom & Sandi Marquart tomorrow prior to leading the funeral of Sandi's mother Barb Marshall at Stombaugh-Batton & Snyder Funeral Home in Carey on Thursday, April 16 at noon.
- Because visitors rarely sign the guest book outside the sanctuary, is it possible to establish a QR code for St. Paul to gather visitor info and track attendance?
- In search of someone to play the guitar for an outdoor campfire service to recognize the installation of new playground equipment.

YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT – Amy Gibson

Highlights:

- 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

Upcoming:

- April
 - No Confirmation March 29 or April 5
 - 10th – Ignite Roller skating 5–7pm
 - 12th – Confirmation 5–6pm
 - 12th – Ignite 6–8pm
 - 19th – Confirmation 5–6pm
 - 19th – ReFUEL 6–8pm
 - 26th – Confirmation 5–6pm
- May
 - 3rd – Confirmation 5–6pm
 - 3rd – Ignite 6–8pm
 - 10th – Confirmation
 - 17th – Confirmation (Make up Only)
 - 17th 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.

Council Requests: N/A

TRUSTEES REPORT – Joe Creque

- All new playground equipment has been installed. A cracked board and exposed screws at the top of the ark gang plank were removed for safety. Additional stone from the playground install was used to level and fill in the access drive as well as the walkway from the church to the playground.
- Painting of the worship space is nearly complete and should be done by Thursday evening. The cost will be in the approved range. Carpeting was cleaned, but is showing wear in spots.
- All oil candles in the sanctuary have been replaced with battery operated candles.
- A new doorbell was installed at the parsonage.
- Weed preventer will be applied around the church and parsonage.
- Corn husks continue to be cleaned out of and around A/C units outside the church building.
- Water heater temperature in the church was adjusted.
- Grill cloth was ordered to replace old cloth on frames that cover and protect organ pipes. The new cloth has already been installed, thanks to Jan Grieser.
- A tent for VBS will be rented again this year from A1 Tent Rentals.
- Please watch and close the east wing exit door. It has been left open on more than once occasion.

PARISH EDUCATION – Sally Valentage

- The Community Easter Egg Hunt on March 28 went very well. More than 1,400 eggs were stuffed with toys, stickers, candy, etc. and more than 70 kids participated in the hunt.
- Parish Board will be working with the Outreach Committee in planning the annual church picnic, which will kick off VBS on Sunday, July 12 and run through July 16 with *Kingdom Rock* as the theme.
- Members of Parish Board will decorate a float for the Arlington Festival Parade on July 17 reflecting the VBS theme.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- It was recently decided that proceeds from this month's community meal will benefit the Jesse Coleman family.
- Our spring project will be collecting paper products, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items for the Good Hope Food Pantry. The complete list of items needed is published in the News of the Flock.
- Discussion was again held on the purchase of round tables for events in the fellowship hall. However, several concerns were expressed. If we're keeping our current tables, where will the round tables be stored when not in use? The storage room in the fellowship hall is already full. If the room is cleaned out to accommodate the round tables, will they fit through the doorway? The rectangular tables we have now work best for quilting.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

- No meeting until May.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The Audit Committee has nearly completed reviewing books of church organizations, thanks to Jane Follas.
- The Chair expressed her appreciation to all who helped with playground updates as well as those involved with refreshing the sanctuary.
- Regarding an emergency evacuation plan, Joe would like to pull information from teachers, deacons, Minister Deb and others before drafting a plan. Minister Deb noted there is no sidewalk outside the north door in the sanctuary to accommodate those in wheelchairs or using walkers.

NEW BUSINESS

- The following positions have now been filled: Andrew Follas – Vice Chair; Christine Kemerley – Elder; Keith Robinson – Late Service Deacon; Amanda Leu – Youth Board Secretary, and Charlene Agapiou – Youth Board Member at Large. All were approved by general consent.
- Drafts of the updated church constitution and bylaws were reviewed and discussed. These drafts will be presented to the congregation at the semi-annual meeting in May. Council members approved the Constitution as updated through general consent.
- The date of the semi-annual meeting of the congregation will be held on May 17 at 10:15am.
- Discussion was held on establishing procedures for emergency evacuation and mustering points.

- The ship replica made by James Willson will be taken off the shelf in the fellowship hall and restored.

ADJOURN

- The meeting adjourned with prayer requests and The Lord’s Prayer at 8:40pm. The next meeting will be held on May 12, 2026 at 7pm.

Natalie McClelland, Recording Secretary

Attachment: Minister’s Report

ST. PAUL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL SYNOD AUTHORIZED MINISTER’S REPORT APRIL 14, 2026

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 a letter written by Bishop Daniel Beaudoin to accompany a handout, “2026 The Way of Love 1 John 4:19” given to SAMs and SAM Supervisors at the Breakfast with the Bishop on March 31st. The handout is a tool that offers insight into 1 John and ways to implement the Way of Love into church life. The handout offers monthly memory verses. The memory verse for April is: 1 John 1:8–9: *“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

Bishop Beaudoin writes:

Dear Friends in Christ,

The 2026 theme for the Northwestern Ohio Synod is the Way of Love, which is the Way of Jesus. In Matthew 22:37–39, Jesus shares the Greatest Commandment. ***“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*** Many of us remember learning this beautiful teaching of Jesus in Sunday School or catechism class. Many of us have committed these words to memory. But learning the words of love is not the same as living the Way of Love.

The Way of Love that Jesus calls us to is unconditional. This is a love that is not based on our worth or our ability to reciprocate. The Way of Love is an active love that shows up in deeds and not simply words. *“Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action”* (1 John 3:18). The Way of Love is enduring, as St. Paul reminds us, *“Love never ends”* (1 Corinthians 13:8a). Finally, the Way of Love is transformative, and calls us to reflect God’s love with and for the neighbor, the community, and the world. Here is a love that has the power to change the world.

The Way of Love always begins with God. Here is God’s self-giving love, fully revealed in Jesus, poured into us by the Holy Spirit, and lived out in our lives for the sake of the other. As we read in the 2026 Way of Love Memory Verse, *“We love because he first loves us”* (1 John 4:19). 1 John provides a beautiful glimpse of the Way of Jesus, who is the Way of Love.

Bishop Daniel G. Beaudoin, The Presentation of the Lord (February 2026)

Questions to ponder:

1. Where have you seen the Way of Love (love in action) occurring in our congregation?
2. When have you acted in the Way of Love for the benefit of a neighbor, friend, or loved one?
3. How can we, as leaders of the congregation, be better at modeling the Way of Love for our members?

Let us pray: O Lord, you have commanded us to love you and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Show us the way of your love, so that we may imitate it and model it for the sake of your church, our members, our community, and the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Activity Since the March Council Meeting:

Worship, Church Functions, Member Contact Outside of Worship

- Worship Services (x7)
- Sacrament of Holy Baptism (x1)
- Mid-Week Lenten Services (x3)
- Soup Suppers (x3)
- First Communion Retreat (x1— five youth participated)
- Maundy Thursday Worship (x1 – First Communion Received by five youth)
- Good Friday Worship (x2)
- Easter Breakfast (x1)
- In–office, at home, assisted living, rehab, and phone visitations (x5)
- In–home Communion (x2)
- Meeting with Staff (x3)
- “The Jokers” Card Group (x3)
- Choir (x2)
- Sewing Day Meal (x1)
- WELCA (x1)
- Outreach Committee (x1)
- Sunday Lunch with Members (x1)

Related Church Activities

- Central Conference Ministers Gathering (x1)
- Affirmation of Vows Chrism Mass (x1)
- SAM and SAM Supervisor Breakfast with the Bishop (x1)

Community Involvement

- St. Paul Easter Egg Hunt

Candidacy/Seminary Update

- All things were placed on hold during Lent and will actively be resumed this month.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, April 15, 2026 – Central Conference Ministers Gathering @ Good Hope, Arlington
- Sunday, April 19, 2026 – Blessing of Soil, Seed, and Water
- Sunday, April 26, 2026 – *Our Daily Bread* Community Meal
- Tuesday, May 5, 2026 – Worship Committee
- Sunday, May 17, 2026 – Lead Worship at Serenity Spring
- Saturday, May 30, 2026 – Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly @ St. Mark’s, Bowling Green
- Sunday, May 31, 2026 – Fifth Sunday Faith Story – Jan Grieser
- Month of June – times and days TBD – New Members Classes
- Sunday, June 7, 2026 – Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism for 3 of our youth
- Wednesday, June 10, 2026 – St. Paul is hosting the Retired Rostered Ministers/Pastors luncheon
- Saturday, June 20, 2026 – SAM Picnic Social Event
- Sunday, August 30, 2026 – Fifth Sunday Faith Story – Joe Creque

Vacation

Days taken: Tuesday, April 7 thru Friday April 10, plus Sunday, April 12, 2026.

Monday, April 6, and Saturday, April 11, are regularly scheduled days off.

For Council Consideration

- Establishing a QR code for St. Paul for gathering visitor contact information and to track attendance

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Noll, Synod Authorized Minister

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MAY 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: Janet Carey
LECTOR: Natalie McClelland
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 APRIL 2026: Nadine Boehm; Kayla Brooks; Bob Carder (*friend of Sally Valentage*); Zac Carman; Jessie & Blair Coleman Family (*Jessie is Brittney Robinson’s brother-in-law and best friend of Alex von Stein and Blair is Brittney Robinson’s sister*); Norm Hahn; family and friends of Barb Marshall (*Sandi Marquart’s mother*); Steve McClelland; Jeff Mansell (*Christine Kemerley’s nephew*); family and friends of MaryEllen Nesler; Reagan Smith (*Aaron & April Smith’s nephew*); Rick Williams (*friend of Sally Valentage*); Louise Wilson; 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.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to ~ ~

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of MaryEllen Nesler. MaryEllen, 97, passed away on Friday, April 24th. Her funeral was held here at St. Paul on Tuesday, April 28th.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Sharon K. Rettig. Sharon, 83, passed away on Wednesday, April 29th. Her funeral was held on Monday, May 4th at 10:30AM at Chiles–Laman Funeral Home, Bluffton.

May the family and friends of MaryEllen Nesler and Sharon Rettig feel God holding them close and fill them with resurrection hope.

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

A HUGE Thank you to everyone on Cleaning Committee #3 who helped clean the Kitchen, Fellowship Hall, and Conference Room on Friday, March 27th. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Jill Bower, Chairperson ~ Ruth Lamberjack, Co–Chairperson

FYI: The playground is finished and ready to play on and enjoy. Thank you to all the willing helpers who worked to get the playground ready to enjoy.

Thank you to all those who have helped and are helping with the Sanctuary re–furbishing. To all who moved pews – cleaned carpet – fixed things – and helped in anyway. And thank you to Tom Marquart for supervising this project.

Thank you to the #1 Nave Cleaning Committee that cleaned, swept, and polished the church on the evening of Friday, April 17th. Your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you again, Christine Kemerley

Thank you to everyone who donated food and money and those who helped serve the Salvation Army Dinner on Tuesday, April 21st. They served 50 people a delicious warm meal.

Thank you to those who helped with the cleaning of the Welcome Space. Job well done. Tom and Sandi Marquart

We received a wonderful total of \$279.26 from St. Paul Lutheran Church. Please know how much we appreciate all of you, and every filled bottle. In Appreciation, Women’s Resource Center

We wish to thank all involved bringing us Sunday dinner. The ham dinner and pies were delicious. Thank you,
Wanda, Nancy, RoseMary, Barb, Ruth, Sandy, Rollie, Millie, Paul, Paula, Jim, Jean, and Julie
~ the Orchard Residents

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.

The St. Paul Semi-Annual meeting will be Sunday, May 17th starting at 10:15AM in the sanctuary. We will hopefully be approving the updated Constitution. Paul Hartman, Bob Coldren, and Jan Grieser have worked many months revising it, along with the approval of Council. We will be posting a copy of the Constitution on our website and will have a few copies in the Welcome Area. If more copies are needed, there will be a signup sheet. There are sections that are required by the ELCA which are marked with an * and there are underlined sections that the committee has updated. Bob Coldren and Jan Grieser will be coming around at Sunday School time to see if there are questions or please call Jan at 419-889-3339.



Graduates – High School / College / Trade Schools — will be recognized on Sunday, May 10th. Please provide the church secretary with a picture of the graduate – date of graduation – and future plans for the graduate. Thanking you in advance.

The MAY SEWING DAYS will be on Wednesday, May 13th and Wednesday, May 27th 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 10 people at the Sewing Day on Wednesday, April 29th. 4 quilts were brought in and 4 quilts were finished for a total of 78 quilts. **[** If you don't want to cut, knot, or sew but would enjoy joining us for lunch, you are welcome to join us at NOON. If you would like, you could bring a dish to share or just come and enjoy the lunch. **]**

ReFUEL and Ignite Information for May 2026

Sunday, May 3 rd	Ignite	6:00PM – 8:00PM
Sunday, May 17 th	ReFUEL	6:00PM – 8:00PM

Confirmation Class Information for May 2026

Sunday, May 3 rd and Sunday, May 10 th	Confirmation Class	5:00PM – 6:00PM
Sunday, May 17 th	Confirmation Class [Make-up Date]	5:00PM – 6:00PM

*** * Men's Faith and Fellowship will meet on Thursday, May 14th at 7:00PM in the Library.**

*** * Parish Education Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14th at 7:00PM.**

PRAYER SERVICE
 for
UNITY AND PEACE
 on the day of the
ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Thursday, May 14, 2026
6:30pm

Saint Paul Lutheran Church
 (in the Pavilion ~ weather permitting)
9340 Township Road 32
Jenera, Ohio 45841

 RSVP to Minister Deb @
 dnoll2347@gmail.com or text: 419-560-1988

A steady light in uncertain waters.
 The LORD is my light and
 my salvation — whom shall I fear?
Psalms 27:1, NIV

MAY 2026 BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

May 2026 Birthdays

Friday, May 1 st	April Smith
Sunday, May 3 rd	Benjamin Hirt
Sunday, May 3 rd	Cohen Leu
Sunday, May 3 rd	Kalin Smith
Sunday, May 3 rd	Erin Tobin
Sunday, May 3 rd	Jada Todd
Thursday, May 7 th	Mary Cowan
Friday, May 8 th	Chad Grieser
Saturday, May 9 th	Briahna May
Saturday, May 9 th	Greyson Welly
Sunday, May 10 th	Sherry Grieser
Wednesday, May 13 th	Jean Crooks
Thursday, May 14 th	Ella Panfil
Saturday, May 16 th	Teresa Medvec
Saturday, May 16 th	Dan Settlage
Saturday, May 16 th	Michelle Tarnay
Tuesday, May 19 th	Mark Bower
Tuesday, May 19 th	David Laird
Tuesday, May 19 th	Anthony Wolford
Wednesday, May 20 th	Rindy Crates
Friday, May 22 nd	Natalie Clark
Friday, May 22 nd	Amy Rettig
Saturday, May 23 rd	Lexi Rader
Sunday, May 24 th	Mitchell Bayer
Sunday, May 24 th	Heather Walters
Monday, May 25 th	Peter Krosnosky
Monday, May 25 th	Courtney Stoltz
Tuesday, May 26 th	Judy Rettig
Wednesday, May 27 th	Jeffrey Bosse
Thursday, May 28 th	Jocelyn Ward

May 2026 Wedding Anniversaries

Friday, May 1 st	Keith and Loretta Bower – 61
Tuesday, May 5 th	Steve and Heather Smith – 25
Wednesday, May 6 th	Bart and Jenny Welte – 26
Saturday, May 9 th	Scott and Sherry Grieser – 34
Sunday, May 10 th	Michael and Patty Orwick – 29
Tuesday, May 19 th	Adam and Renee Rammel – 14
Wednesday, May 20 th	Stephen and Mary Cowan – 54
Monday, May 25 th	Tim and Deb Bower – 34
Wednesday, May 27 th	Roger and Judy Rettig – 49
Wednesday, May 27 th	Pete and Linda Wilson – 59
Saturday, May 30 th	Nathan and Tina Cowan – 28



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Altar Guild: Janet Carey Lector: Natalie McClelland Organist: May 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , and 31 st – Lisa Gossman					1	2
3 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class 6:00PM – 7:00PM Ignite	4	6:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved by the Arlington Lion's Club 7:00PM Worship Committee Library	6	1:30PM – 4:30PM "The Joker's" 6:00PM – 7:00PM Girl Scouts / Sunday School Room	8	9
10 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY / RECOGNIZE GRADUATES 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class	11	7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting	9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day	14 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 1:30PM – 4:30PM "The Joker's" 6:30PM Prayer Service [Unity and Peace] / Pavilion 7:00PM Men's Faith and Fellowship / Library 7:00PM Parish Education Board Meeting	15	16
17 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Semi-Annual Meeting 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 2:00PM Minister Deb leading Worship at Serenity Spring 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class [Make-up date] 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL	18	7:00PM WELCA Meeting	6:30PM Senior Choir Practice and Picnic	1:30PM – 4:30PM "The Joker's"	22	23
24 DAY OF PENTECOST 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion NOON Fellowship Hall reserved by Amber Hirt	25 MEMORIAL DAY Holiday – Church Office Closed	26	9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day	1:30PM – 4:30PM "The Joker's"	29	30 9:00AM – 6:00PM Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly / St. Mark Lutheran Church, Bowling Green, OH
31 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY FIFTH SUNDAY FAITH STORY / JAN GRIESER 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion						