



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"

JANUARY ~ 2026

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. Psalm 29:1-2

Greetings,

Let us welcome in the Year of the Lord, 2026, with hearts open daily to giving glory and praise to God in the name of Jesus Christ.

Have you made your New Year's resolutions? What are they? Watching your diet! Faithfully keeping date-night! Not snapping at the kids over little things they say or do! Keeping your room clean! How about this one? Spending time daily worshipping the LORD in holy splendor!

Each year, I give myself a gift of a book, *Bread for the Day ~ Daily Bible Reading and Prayers (YEAR)*. The book follows the Revised Common Lectionary and offers texts and prayers for each day of the year. Sundays' texts are the readings assigned for that Sunday in the liturgical year. The Monday through Wednesday texts reflect back to the previous Sunday, while the Thursday through Saturday texts point toward the next Sunday. The book is a good source for daily devotions.

The 2026 edition includes a page of "Prayers to Accompany Your Reading". I am including those prayers here so that you may use them during your time of personal devotion or worship. If you are not in the practice of doing daily devotions, may I suggest you make doing so a New Year's resolution; one you plan on keeping.

PRAYERS TO ACCOMPANY YOUR READING

Morning Devotions ~ Be with me as I worship, O Lord. Come open my heart and let me sing harmony to your tune. Let your voice vibrate a new string and your words awaken a lost language. Be with me as I worship, O Lord. Stir me from my slumbers. When I awake, I am still with you. Be with me as I worship, O Lord. Amen.

Scripture ~ Author of all creation, we give you thanks for inspiring the writers of the Bible, your holy Word, to share your word. Help us to turn to it through all the many days of our lives so that we may find guidance for our living. Amen.

Community ~ Loving God, as we read your word, help us to discern its meaning for the life of our community. May it empower us to witness to your love in the world in many new ways. Amen.

Discipleship ~ O God, may we be like Samuel who, when you called him, said, "Here I am!" Empower us to listen to your word and to hear your call to us so that we might more fully live out our vocation as your disciples in the world. Amen.

Devotions ~ O God, you are our loving parent who gave everything for us so that we might come to know the depth of your love for us. As we read your word and meditate on it, use it to deepen our relationship with you so that we might truly grow in faith. Amen. (*Bread for the Day*, 2026, p.5. Copyright 2025. Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis.)

May God Bless You in Daily Devotion and in the New Year,
Minister Deb

2026 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Chairperson: Jan Grieser	419-889-3339	Deacons: Sean Adams	740-490-5308
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Recording Sec: Natalie McClelland	419-722-4324	Lee Laird	419-355-4095
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Trustees: Deb Clevenger	419-306-1150	Financial Sec: Jake Leu	567-208-7739
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Dan Settlege	419-303-2513	Youth Ministry Coordinator: Amy Gibson	419-348-1653
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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, DECEMBER 9, 2025 – 7:00PM

Attendance: Jan Grieser, Jane Follas, Mary Coldren, Deb Clevenger, Minister Deb Noll, Tom Marquart, Jacob Orwick, Sally Valentage, Lynn Boehm, Sean Adams, Jake Leu, Joe Creque, Dan Settlege and Natalie McClelland.

CALL TO ORDER – Jan Grieser

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7pm following a potluck Christmas buffet with incoming and outgoing Council members. Minister Deb provided a word for thought and prayer, and attendees recited our Mission Statement in unison: *We celebrate God's love and forgiveness by living the Word and sharing the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.* All joined together in the 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 Your Holy Spirit, so that all we do is done according to Your will and gives praise and glory to Your name. Amen.*

STATUS OF COUNCIL GOALS – Jan Grieser

Update all job descriptions and bylaws

- Staff Support Committee has completed detailed job descriptions and are working on evaluations.
- Updates to our constitution are underway with assistance from Paul Hartman and Bob Coldren.

Develop a five-year plan for ministry and building

- Rough draft of four-year plan.

Keep Council informed of Synod's activities and programs (elca.org)

- New Bishop elected on Oct. 4, 2025
- Seeds monthly
- elca.org, nwos-elca.church.org, nwoscares.org
- On the Way: News from NWOS

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

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jake Leu

Account Balances at November 30, 2025

Checking	
Current	93,897.77
Council Discretionary	1,313.82
Improvement	1,284.63
Missions	13,812.05
Special Projects	
Shipwreck Festival	2,328.83
Music	2,461.77
C. Price Memorial Funds	10,619.30
Bell Choir	1,659.69
Special Projects - Other	0.06
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Total Quickbooks Operating/MMDA	\$ 127,377.92
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Operating Account	71,954.52
Money Market Demand Accounty (MMDA)	100,294.96
Total Operating/MMDA - Bank	\$ 172,249.48

Outstanding Deposits at 10/31/25	-
Outstanding Checks at 10/31/25	(44,871.56)
Total Reconciled Operating/MMDA	\$ 127,377.92

Savings	
General Memorial	\$ 14,821.32

- Account balances and financial statements were reviewed and everything is falling in line as budgeted. Total income from Jan-Nov 2025 was \$246,130.31 vs. a budgeted amount of \$212,072.66. Total expenses for the same period were \$359,680.80 actual vs. \$248,665.17 budgeted.
- Interest income generated by our Money Market account is estimated at ~\$295 for November 2025.
- The second half of payment for fellowship hall flooring was made in November.
- Designated Income received in November was \$1,440.00. Open Arms Domestic Violence Shelter in Findlay is the recipient of 4th quarter Designated income, with a total of \$3,065 received to date.
- The balance of Council's Discretionary Fund is \$1,313.82 and discussion was held on a recipient(s). Sally Valentage asked that we consider one of her coworkers, Joanne Musgrave, who is dealing with serious health issues. Jacob Orwick moved that we give \$1,000 to Joanne to help offset medical expenses. The motion was seconded by Tom Marquart and approved.
- Discussion was held on a recipient of 1st quarter 2026 Designated Income. Deb Clevenger moved this income be designated for City Mission of Findlay. Mary Coldren seconded the motion which was approved.

TRUSTEES REPORT – Tom Marquart

- Battery powered candles are in place on the alter, thanks to Dan Settlege. He has looked into a replacement for the Christ candle but hasn't found anything similar. Marty Grieser will label the remote control for the candles.
- Stump Fire Protection has inspected fire extinguishers throughout the church as well as the suppression system in the kitchen. They will also test fire alarms when they bring new extinguishers to replace outdated ones.
- An estimate was obtained from Serv-Pro for having the church walls professionally cleaned, mainly the sanctuary walls due to the collection of soot from burning candles. We can use the estimate as a benchmark for budget purposes.

MINISTER'S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS – Deborah Noll

- A special Christmas program will be held this Sunday, Dec. 14 at 10am followed by a community meal.
- I've already been inspired and have begun writing a message for the Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 7pm.
- A dart ball tournament will be held in the fellowship hall on Jan. 3, 2026 beginning at 9am. This tournament is open to the public.
- Noll's Holiday Open House will take place at the parsonage on Jan. 4, 2026 from 3–8pm.

- Epiphany of Our Lord will be observed on Jan. 6, 2026 with an email to all members.
- Baptism of Our Lord will be celebrated during both worship services on Jan. 11, 2026. Installation of Congregational Council officers and members will also take place during worship.
- Men's Fellowship & Bible study will begin on Jan. 15, 2026 at 7pm.
- See full report at end of minutes.

YOUTH MINISTRY – No report

PARISH EDUCATION – Emily Clark

- Kids Praise is on holiday break but will resume in January 2026.
- The children's Christmas program, *A Joy Story*, will be presented this Sunday, Dec. 14 at 10am and will include music by the bell choir, senior choir, and praise team. A Christmas brunch will follow the program, hosted by the Outreach Committee.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE – No report

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – No report (see weekly updates in News of the Flock)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- An app for prayer requests and calendar reminders is still being investigated.
- The Chair reported that everything is ready for playground construction, but the installers require 4 days above 40 degrees to begin.
- A motion was made by Deb Clevenger and seconded by Natalie McClelland to appoint Jane Follas as Treasurer. Motion carried. Patty Orwick will fill the open position on Parish Board. A vacancy remains for Vice Chair.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion continued on gift cards for members who regularly spend a great deal of time and effort at St. Paul. A concern was that some may be overlooked, so perhaps thank you cards would be a better option.
- The Chair presented information on updates to the constitution. Discussion was held on how to determine active and inactive members.

ADJOURN

- The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 7:55pm. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 7pm.

Natalie McClelland, Recording Secretary

ST. PAUL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL DECEMBER 9, 2025 SYNOD AUTHORIZED MINISTER'S REPORT

Word for Thought

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

Luke 2:7

And she brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Mary heard God's angel Gabriel foretell the birth of a child that she would conceive and bring into the world. She listened. She heard. She did not understand. She questioned, "How can this be?" She listened again to the angel's message. She trusted. She believed it would be so.

And so it happened, as the angel had said. She gave birth to a son, wrapped him in strips of cloth, and laid him in a manger because there was no room available for Jesus.

The verse above is the first Bible verse I ever put to memory. It was my part to say in the Christmas pageant. At that time the words for the pageant came straight from the Bible and parents and Sunday school teachers helped the children to learn their parts. I learned my part as my mother sewed angel costumes and wings from poster board.

During this season of Advent, as we look forward to Christ's coming, let us pause to look back. Let us reflect on the Bible verses we hold in our memories. Let us remember the people who have helped us learn about God's love—the love of God who sent His only begotten Son into the world to die for our salvation.

Because of God's love for us, we join our voices to the choir of angels praising God and singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth good will to all."

Let us pray: God of all possibilities, help us to remember your promises of hope, peace, joy, and love. We give you thanks for the people in our lives who have helped us to know your love. Thank you for the greatest Christmas gift, Jesus Christ, your Son, for whom no room was found in all of Bethlehem. Help us make room for Jesus in our hearts and share your love with others. Amen.

Activity Since the November Council Meeting:

Worship, Church Functions, Member Contact Outside of Worship

- Worship Services (x8)
- Annual Meeting (x1)
- Hospital Visits (x2)
- In-office, at home, assisted living, rehab, and phone visitations (x3)
- WELCA (x1)
- Staff Meeting (x1)
- Confirmation Class (x2)
- Senior Sunday School (x1)
- "The Jokers" Card Group (x2)
- Choir (x2)
- Kids Praise (x2)
- Dartball (x3)

Related Church Activities

- SAM Supervisor Check-in (x3)
- SAM Cohort Monthly Zoom (x1)
- SAM/Supervisor Text Study (x1)
- Central Conference Ministers Gathering (x1)
- Northwestern Ohio Synod New Ministry Forum (x1)
- Northwestern Ohio Synod Country and Small Town Lived Ecclesiology (CaSTLE) Grant SAM Appreciation Dinner (x1)

Community Involvement

- Serenity Spring Worship (x1)
- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service (x1)

Candidacy/Seminary Update

- No changes since last meeting

Upcoming Events

- December 14, 2025, 10:00am – Special Christmas Worship planned by Parish Board
- December 14, 2025, 11:00am – 1:00pm – *Our Daily Bread* community meal
- December 24, 2025, 7:00pm – Christmas Eve Worship
- December 25, 2025 – Christmas Day (Church office closed for the holiday)
- January 3, 2026 – 9:00am – ?? – Dart ball 4–Man Tournament (open to the public)
- January 4, 2026, 3:00–8:00pm – Holiday Open House @ the Parsonage
- January 6, 2026 – Epiphany of Our Lord
- January 6, 2026, 7:00pm – Worship Committee
- January 11, 2026, 9:00 & 11:15am services – Baptism of Our Lord & Installation of the Congregational Council officers and members, including Parish Board & Youth Board members

Vacation

- Vacation Days Taken: December 2, 3, 4, & 5, 2025

For Council Consideration

- Nothing to bring to Council’s attention at this time.

Respectfully Submitted
Deb Noll, Synod Authorized Minister

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JANUARY 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 – Melissa Kroske
LECTOR: Dick Noll
WEBSITE COORDINATOR: Chelsea Boehm

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

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

HOSPITAL STAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PERSONS ST. PAUL HAS PRAYED FOR DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025: Zac Carman; family and friends of Larry Crates; Susan Culp (*wife of Tammy von Stein's cousin*); family and friends of Jim Demler; Vicki Dinovo (*Tammy von Stein's mother*); Lawrence Durenberger, Jr. (*uncle of Beth Kimmel*); family and friends of Sonja Eversole; Jon Gast; Britt Gibson; Richard Gray (*Mary Cowan's cousin*); Jim Jones (*brother-in-law of Sally Valentage*); John Jordan (*son of Judy [Grieser] Jordan*); family and friends of Don Marquart (*Bill Marquart's brother*); Norm Hahn; Steve McClelland; Carol Russell (*friend of Ingram's*); Vera Sheets; Kassie Stine (*Kelly's daughter*); Louise Wilson; David Wolford; family and friends of Howard Wright (*uncle of Minister Deb*); all military personnel including — Griffin Hartman, Lance Leisure, Brycen Lucius, Evan McMonigal, Justin Riegle, Nate Sheets, Colin Tobin, and Alex von Stein.

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH LEADERSHIP: ELCA Presiding Bishop Curry; Northwestern Ohio Synod Bishop Beaudoin; Central Conference Dean Pastor Stenke; 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.

WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION: It is the policy of St. Paul Lutheran Church that if there is a Level 3 Snow Emergency for Hancock County, we will not be having in-person worship or any scheduled activities. If there is a Level 2 Snow Emergency, a decision regarding worship will be made by the Minister and Congregational Council's Executive Committee and information will be posted through the Prayer Chain. In the case of Kids Praise, if Arlington School is cancelled due to weather, then there will be No Kids Praise that evening. PLEASE use your best judgement in all cases of inclement weather. Our trustees do their best to stay on top of winter weather conditions, but the church parking lot and sidewalks may still be icy even without a snow emergency. In all circumstances, be safe!

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

BIG SHOUT OUT of THANKS to Ed von Stein and Keith Robinson, Diane and Kendra Parke who assisted the decorating team with the Christmas decorating this year. From helping to set up the trees, carrying down totes and decorating the trees — Tammy and Tammy could NOT have done it without our husbands' help and our beloved decorating friends!!! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Tammy & Tammy

On behalf of everyone here at Good Hope, THANK YOU for contributing to the food pantry! From fairly modest beginnings a few years ago, the pantry has grown a lot, especially lately, and we've been seeing more and more local families in need. We feel blessed to know that you share in this ministry. It's great to live in a community where Christian people can come together for a common purpose. Thank you again! Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours, and a Merry Christmas too.

Thank you for the delicious food that was delivered to us on Sunday, December 14th. We wish to thank the Outreach Committee, the workers, the drivers for the time to prepare and deliver the food.

*Pat, Sandy, Paul, Millie, Jean, Paula, Jim, Ruth, Rollie, Judy, Jolene, Wanda, Nancy, Rosemary, and Larry,
~ The Orchard Residents*

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! were the words of the case workers who came to pick up the beautiful Head Start Christmas Gifts. This is an outpouring of love and generosity for people in need. Thanking you again for helping with this program. WELCA

Thank you notes have been sent to St. Paul thanking you for the Christmas Gifts that you so generously gave to the Wyandot County Head Start families. The cards are on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space for you to look at.

- ✳ Thank you so much for all of the presents for all of the kids. Merry Christmas! *Jennifer, Colton, Cyrus, Callan, and Patricia*
- ✳ Thank you so much for helping with Christmas gifts. Merry Christmas! Sincerely, *Cheyenne Lavery*
- ✳ Thank you for all your kindness. I appreciate everything you did this year for my family. You made it possible for them to have a good Christmas. *The Schmeltzer Family*
- ✳ Thank you from *Louise, Craig and Family*
- ✳ Thank you so very much for your thoughts and prayers this Holiday Season! It was very thoughtful and meaningful! Sending Love Back, *Trisha Vermillion*
- ✳ Thank you for all that you do for our families! *Head Start Staff*

THANK YOU! As the year of 2025 fades out and the 2026 enters in, Dick and I wish to thank everyone who helps to make St. Paul Lutheran Church a family and a welcoming space for visitors and friends. I want to thank everyone who has served on congregational council, youth and parish boards, church committees, worship assistants: musicians, lay readers, communion assistants, light and sound technician, presentation and live-streaming personnel, and everyone involved in Bible study, church meals, and fellowship ministries. My heartfelt appreciation is expressed to our dedicated and faithful secretary, Jane, for everything she does for the life of the church. Your faithful participation in church life helps me in my role as your minister, thank you! Happy New Year!

I would like to thank the congregation of St Paul's for their continuous prayers. A "big" thank you to the carolers who came to sing Christmas carols. I would like to extend my great appreciation to Minister Deb for her visits.
Jon Gast

THANK YOU! Dick and I would like to thank the members of St. Paul for your thoughts and prayers in 2025, for the many blessings you have brought us, and for the generosity shown to us this Christmas season. It is our prayer for God's good blessings to be with each of you in the New Year as we worship and serve God together. Again, Thank you! We are blessed by each of you. Minister Deb.

Thank you to the members of St. Paul who remembered us this Christmas Season. Your cards and gifts were so very much appreciated. May the New Year bring you all Peace and Happiness! Blessings, *Paul and Jane Wilch*

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to ~ ~

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Don Marquart. Don is Willis Marquart's brother. Don passed away on Wednesday, December 3rd.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Sonja Eversole. Sonja, 87, passed away on Friday, December 12th at Primrose Retirement Village.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Larry Crates. Larry, 82, passed away on Tuesday, December 16th.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of The Rev. K. Bernell "Bernie" Boehm. Bernie, 92, passed away on Christmas morning. Bernie was ordained at St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1959.

May the family and friends of Don Marquart, Sonja Eversole, Larry Crates, and The Rev. K. Bernell Boehm feel God's love surrounding you and fill you with the hope of the resurrection.

Congratulations to Blake and Amy Wilson on the birth of their son, Nicholas Alan Wilson. Nicholas was born on Saturday, December 13th and weighed six pounds and four ounces. Todd Wilson is his proud grandfather and great grandparents are Pete and Linda Wilson.

Outreach is happy to report we had a very successful brunch after the Christmas program! Many of our visitors stayed and joined us in food & fellowship, and commented what a great idea! We served 136 total. We also want to express our gratitude and thanks for ALL of the help and support before, during and especially afterwards from our congregational family! Many hands helped to make the Christmas brunch enjoyable and for a quick clean up! A special thank you to all who donated food of any kind to the brunch as well! As one person commented, “anytime you have to sit up extra tables / chairs for an event – you know you are experiencing a “good thing”! So . . . Thank you to the St Paul family!!!

The following items were taken to the Food Pantry on Monday, December 15:

- Pork and Beans / Chili – 31
- Jiffy Muffin Mix – 15
- Chili Spice – 5
- Gravy Packets – 5
- Frosting – 13
- Cake / Brownie Mix – 28
- Cookie Mix – 5
- Bag of Rice – 9
- Macaroni & Cheese - 56
- Canned Vegetables – 64
- Pickles – 5
- Canned Soup – 60
- Biscuit Mix – 6
- Muffin Mix – 12
- Mashed Potatoes – 14
- Specialty Potato – 4
- Stuffing – 2
- Cereal – 3
- Onion Seasoning – 1
- Flour – 1
- Cheez–it Crackers – 1
- Macadamia Nut – 1
- Figs – 1
- Pasta – 2

Thank you for your continued support to this much needed cause. It is very much appreciated.
Thank you, Outreach Committee



THE NOLL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE will be Sunday, January 4, 2026 at the Parsonage from 3:00 to 8:00pm. Please mark your calendars now to join Dick and I in celebrating the holiday season and welcoming the new year.
Thanks, Minister Deb

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.

DARTBALL SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2026

[NOTE: Copies of the Dartball Schedule are available on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space.]

[ALL First and Second Half season games throughout the season begin promptly at 7:00PM]

Saturday, January 3rd	Saturday 4-Man Tournament at St. Paul, Jenera Starts at 10:00AM [Registration starts at 9:00AM] This event is now open to the public, so please invite others.
Monday, January 5th	St. Johns/Trinity, Findlay @ Jenera Jr. Jenera Sr. @ Salem, Findlay
Monday, January 12th	Jenera Sr. @ Jenera Jr.
Monday, January 19th	Jenera Jr. @ Dola St. Johns/Trinity, Findlay @ Jenera Sr.
Monday, January 26th	Upper Sandusky @ Jenera Jr. Jenera Sr. @ Dola

ReFUEL and Ignite INFORMATION FOR JANUARY

Sunday, January 4th	Ignite — 6:00PM – 8:00PM
Sunday, January 11th	ReFUEL — 6:00PM – 8:00PM
Saturday, January 24th	YOUTH / Winter Jam at Columbus / TBD

Confirmation Class Information for January

Sunday, January 4th	<u>NO</u> Confirmation class
Sunday, January 11th	Confirmation Class — 5:00PM – 6:00PM
Sunday, January 18th	Confirmation Class — 5:00PM – 6:00PM
Sunday, January 25th	Confirmation Class — 5:00PM – 6:00PM

Outreach Project in January: The Outreach committee's January project will be to collect new bedding items to support Christian Clearing House. The following items are needed:

- * Full/Queen sheet sets
- * Pillows
- * Warm blankets – any size
- * Sleeping bags

These items usually go on sale before Christmas. If you see a good deal and would like to help support this project, feel free to pick up an item or two. We will begin collecting these items the beginning of the new year.

DO YOU NEED SOMETHING TO DO THIS POST HOLIDAY SEASON! *DO YOU LIKE JIGSAW PUZZLES?* I have set up a puzzle table in my office and thought you might want to join me (mostly you) in completing it. It's a great way to de-stress during the holiday hustle and bustle. You are welcome anytime you see my office door open. Take a few minutes, an hour, or a whole day, sitting in quiet contemplation/meditation. You will not disturb me, and I hope not to disturb you. Come, let's see if we can get the puzzle done before Lent begins—one piece at a time.

January 2026 Birthdays

Friday, January 2 nd	Owen Fitch
Friday, January 2 nd	Phyllis Rettig
Friday, January 2 nd	Braden Schroeder
Sunday, January 4 th	Corbin Fisher
Sunday, January 4 th	Lainey Rettig
Sunday, January 4 th	Desmond Riegle
Sunday, January 4 th	Louise Wilson
Monday, January 5 th	Mitchel Boehm
Monday, January 5 th	Andrew Gibson
Wednesday, January 7 th	Richard Crooks
Wednesday, January 7 th	Jared Medvec
Thursday, January 8 th	Holly Castle
Friday, January 9 th	Kenneth Depuy
Monday, January 12 th	Cindy Boehm
Monday, January 12 th	Lindsay Follas
Monday, January 12 th	Madelyn Smith
Wednesday, January 14 th	Ashlie Knight
Friday, January 16 th	Jan Grieser
Saturday, January 17 th	Jane Follas
Saturday, January 17 th	Dillon Amos
Sunday, January 18 th	Justin Riegle
Saturday, January 24 th	Vera Sheets
Saturday, January 24 th	Steven Wilson
Saturday, January 24 th	Olivia Zuercher
Sunday, January 25 th	Marsha Grieser
Sunday, January 25 th	Wesley Loetz
Sunday, January 25 th	Mary A. Wilson
Monday, January 26 th	Jeff Pepple
Tuesday, January 27 th	Tom Carey
Tuesday, January 27 th	Martin Grieser
Wednesday, January 28 th	Rosalyn Loetz
Friday, January 30 th	Cody Amos
Saturday, January 31 st	Natalie McClelland
Saturday, January 31 st	Brianne Saum



January 2026 Wedding Anniversaries

Monday, January 5 th	Lee and Laurie Laird – 24
Friday, January 9 th	Tom and Sandi Marquart – 44
Friday, January 16 th	Flint and Lisa Gossman – 10
Wednesday, January 21 st	Robert and Amy Keene – 5

Happy Wedding Anniversary

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ JANUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
LECTOR: Dick Noll ALTAR GUILD: Uncover – Melissa Kroske ORGANIST: Lisa Gossman				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Church Office Closed	2	3 9:00AM Registration Open 10:00AM Dartball 4–Man Tournament begins
4 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 3:00PM – 8:00PM Noll Parsonage Open House NO Confirmation Class 6:00PM – 8:00PM Ignite	5 7:00PM Dartball St. Johns/Trinity, Findlay @ Jenera Jr. Jenera Sr. @ Salem, Findlay	6 1:00PM – 3:00PM Visitation for Rev. K. Bernell Boehm 7:00PM Worship Committee Meeting	7 5:45PM – 6:30PM Meal served before Kids Praise 6:30PM – 7:30PM Kids Praise	8 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 1:30PM – 4:30PM “The Jokers” 5:30PM – 7:00PM Fellowship Hall Arlington 5 th Grade Girls Basketball	9	10
11 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL	12 7:00PM Dartball Jenera Sr. @ Jenera Jr.	13 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting	14 5:45PM – 6:30PM Meal served before Kids Praise 6:30PM – 7:30PM Kids Praise	15 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 1:30PM – 4:30PM “The Jokers” 5:30PM – 7:00PM Fellowship Hall Arlington 5 th Grade Girls Basketball 7:00PM Men of St. Paul Organizational Meeting / Library	16	17
18 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. 7:00PM Dartball Jenera Jr. @ Dola St. Johns/Trinity, Findlay @ Jenera Sr.	20 7:00PM WELCA Meeting	21 5:45PM – 6:30PM Meal served before Kids Praise 6:30PM – 7:30PM Kids Praise	22 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 1:30PM – 4:30PM “The Jokers” 5:30PM – 7:00PM Fellowship Hall Arlington 5 th Grade Girls Basketball	23	24 YOUTH – Winter Jam at Columbus – TBD
25 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class	26 7:00PM Dartball Upper Sandusky @ Jenera Jr. Jenera Sr. @ Dola	27	28 5:45PM – 6:30PM Meal served before Kids Praise 6:30PM – 7:30PM Kids Praise	29 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 1:30PM – 4:30PM “The Jokers” 5:30PM – 7:00PM Fellowship Hall Arlington 5 th Grade Girls Basketball	30	31