



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"

FEBRUARY ~ 2025

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

Greetings,

February is the shortest month of the year, and yet it often seems to be the longest. In part due to being tired of the cold and the anticipation Spring. The nights remain long, yet notice is made of daylight lasting a bit longer each day. Groundhog's Day helps to mark the remaining days of winter, and Valentines Day announces the month is halfway over. On Valentines Day, the thoughts of all turn to love. Children exchange Valentine cards while adults celebrate with chocolates and roses. Floral shops sell more flowers on Valentines Day than on any other day of the year, and Valentines Day is second only to Christmas Day for marriage proposals.

The above passage from First Corinthians is often read at weddings. It is thought to describe a perfect love for which the couple should strive to have in the marriage. In reality, the text describes the love of God made perfect through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Love is the primary focus of Paul's letter to the Corinthians. *The Lutheran Study Bible* describes the message saying that love is not having control or discipline over another person, but rather being in communion with others. Love is the desire in sharing all things, completely and honestly, with one another. Love is mutual, and equality is the foundation of perfect love. In perfect love there is a "desire for the presence of the other . . . sitting face to face and knowing as one is known."

God desires to be known just as we are known by God.

Love is the greatest of God's gifts. "God is love," writes the author of First John. God's love was made known in this way: "God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him." God loves us so much that he sent his Son to die for us. In response it is written, "We love because He first loved us." If we say that we love God, then "we also ought to love one another." It is in loving others that the glory of God is revealed.

The light of God's glory can happen in times and places where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare God's glory, even when we feel inadequate in doing so. It is through our love for our brothers and sisters, for the stranger and the outcast, for the unlovable that we demonstrate God's glory in the darkness of the world. Let the light of God's glory shine in you this February in the sharing of God's perfect love with others.

In Christ's Love,
Minister Deb

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 – 7:00PM**

Attendance: Jan Grieser, Jane Follas, Mary Coldren, Dan Settlege, Minister Deb Noll, Tom Carey, Nathan Cowan, Jacob Orwick, Tom Marquart, Emily Clark, Amy Gibson, and Natalie McClelland.

CALL TO ORDER – Jan Grieser

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7pm. Minister Deb provided a word for thought and prayer. All members recited St. Paul’s Mission Statement, “We celebrate God’s love and forgiveness by living the Word and sharing the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.” All members then recited the Council prayer.

SETTING GOALS FOR COUNCIL – Jan Grieser

Discussion was held on the following goals which reflect the focus of the Northwestern Ohio Synod, “Year of Listening”:

- a) Listen and respond to the needs of our congregation and include more members
- b) Encourage and support young families
- c) Update all job descriptions and update bylaws
- d) Develop a five-year plan for ministry and building
- e) Expand staff support to include Parish relations
- f) Keep Council informed of the Synod’s activities and programs

The Chair provided an ELCA website where members can find information on two reconsiderations of the social statement, *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*. Go to www.elca.org/reconsiderations. While at this website scroll down to Resources and click the link to the survey response form to submit your input.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jake Leu

Account Balances at December 31, 2024	
Checking	
Current	198,925.27
Council Discretionary	2,539.72
Improvement	147.30
Missions	32,076.78
Special Projects	
Shipwreck Festival	2,275.31
Music	2,405.18
C. Price Memorial Funds	27,516.10
Bell Choir	1,408.72
Special Projects - Other	0.06
	33,605.37
Total Quickbooks Operating/MMDA	\$ 267,294.44
Operating Account	67,832.05
Money Market Demand Accounty (MMDA)	204,624.35
Total Operating/MMDA - Bank	\$ 272,456.40
Outstanding Deposits at 12/31/24	-
Outstanding Checks at 12/31/24	(5,161.96)
Total Reconciled Operating/MMDA	\$ 267,294.44
Savings	
General Memorial	\$ 14,770.21

- Financial statements were reviewed by Council members. Total income for the period Jan–Dec 2024 was \$289,083.80 vs. a budgeted amount of \$226,229.65. Total expenses for the same period were \$262,804.96 actual vs. \$261,058.06 budgeted.
- Discussion was held on the distribution of benevolence monies totaling \$17,211.78. Suggested recipients included Lutheran World Relief (toward California wildfires), St. John’s Lutheran Church in Findlay (food pantry), Wernle Children’s Home, and Christian Clearing House. Dan Settlage moved that the total benevolence be divided equally four ways for these recipients, and Tom Carey seconded the motion, which was approved.
- Interest income generated by our Money Market account is estimated at \$804.79 for December 2024.

TRUSTEES REPORT – Tom Marquart

- The exit lights in church will be updated with new lights or new batteries where needed. Thank you to Wayne Young.
- We’re looking to replace two lights in the church parking lot. The west light only works part of the time.
- Also looking at light options for the cross on north side of church, something better than the rope lights the company had us use recently.
- The lights behind stained glass in the sanctuary are acting up again. There are new ones available. The Trustees along with Doug Coldren and Wayne Young will take care of this project.
- If we want to terminate the rug contract with City Laundry, this is the month we must do it in writing. Council members agreed through general consent to cancel the contract. Natalie recalled drafting a letter of cancelation when she was a Trustee and will forward it to Tom.
- A group of members will see that the church parking lot is cleared for the rest of winter. We thank Aaron Smith for doing this in the past.
- Thank you to Sean Adams for serving as deacon in the absence of Aaron Smith.
- The nativity barn is frozen to the ground and will be put away when the weather warms up.

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

- Upcoming events were then reviewed including baptism of Beckett Wilson on Jan. 19, Presentation of our Lord Sunday on Feb. 2, Ash Wednesday on March 5, and Bible study during five Wednesdays in Lent.
- Items of consideration included an invitation to Bishop Beaudoin to join us for worship on a Sunday morning, and how can we help the Smith family as Aaron continues rehabilitation and healing? I have some gas cards on hand and money in the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund. Emily reported there’s a signup sheet for meals going around at school. Jacob moved that we use \$1,000 from Council’s designated fund and donate to the Smith family for gasoline, groceries, and other necessities. The motion was seconded by Tom Carey and approved.

YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT – Amy Gibson

Highlights:

*December 1st- ReFUEL: Would you Rather Bible Edition, Challenge Course (8)
15th – Ignite Christmas Party (10), ReFUEL Christmas Party (9) Confirmation – December 1st, 8th*

Upcoming:

*January 12th – Ignite: Body of Christ
19th – Lock-In 6pm-12am: Proverbs and Dartball
25th – Winter Jam
Confirmation: 12th, 19th, 26th
WNL: 15th, 22nd, 29th*

*February 2nd – ReFUEL
9th – Ignite: Bowling
Snow Trails - TBD
Confirmation: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
WNL: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th*

Ongoing:

- Planning & Execution of ReFUEL, Ignite, Wednesday Night Live (WNL), Sunday School, and Confirmation
- Create and Distribute: Newsletter Info, Flyers, Bulletin Board, Emails, Texts, Social Media Updates, Calendar, Website

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

- Regarding needs for youth ministry, I need a new printer, laminator and sheets totaling \$433. Natalie moved that these items be purchased, and Mary Coldren seconded the motion which was approved.
- Soup suppers will soon begin. However, most of the youth are in spring sports and it's difficult to find enough volunteers every Wednesday evening during Lent. I'm requesting that various organizations host a supper like the WELCA group did last year, leaving the youth hosting two suppers at the beginning of the Lenten season.
- Brett and I are expecting a baby in July, so I might not be able to help with VBS this summer.

PARISH EDUCATION – Emily Clark

- Everyone enjoyed the Christmas program, “He Made a Way in a Manger”, which included children, the bell choir, senior choir, and Praise Team.
- We're looking into options for playground improvements with roughly \$9,000 available to spend.
- Kids Praise will resume this week and continue until Ash Wednesday.
- I received a personal request from the Rock & Roll 4-H Club about holding their monthly meetings at the church again in 2025 as they have been doing in the past. This was approved via general consent.
- Dates have been set for the following events in 2025:
 - Indoor Movie Night – February 16 at 6:30
 - Easter Egg Hunt – April 12
 - VBS – July 13 thru 17
 - Arlington Homecoming Parade – July 18
 - Outdoor Worship & Picnic – August 17
 - Christmas Program – December 14
 - We're also looking into a Congregational Skating Party in May and a painting event this spring.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Minister Deb Noll

- This committee distributed 40 food gift bags on December 21. Items in the bags included beans, canned chicken, broth, and mashed potatoes along with a mini loaf of dessert bread. This feeding mission was a replacement for Our Daily Bread monthly meals during the holidays. Outreach is considering this to be an annual mission for the month of December in replacement of a community meal so close to the holidays.
- January 26 from 11am – 1pm is the next Our Daily Bread community meal. We will be serving chili, lunch meat sliders, fruit, and dessert.
- We are collecting new bed sheets and pillows for Christian Clearing House. The items will be delivered first part of February so Christian Clearing House can distribute as needed in the community. Items needed include new twin sheets, standard size pillows, and twin size blankets that cover twin size beds.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

- The Chair reported this committee is looking for members to train on the presentation and sound systems.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Thank you to the Staff Support Committee for meeting with all paid employees.
- In addition to the open position of 2025 Vice Chair, the Worship Committee and Youth Board are in need of a new member.

NEW BUSINESS

- Designated offering for 2025Q1 will be given to the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Arizona.
- Jane Follas will once again serve on the Audit Committee, and the Chair will ask Denise Durliat to assist.
- Annual Report information from all committees should be emailed to the church secretary.
- Minister Deb noted the dart ball game scheduled for Jan. 20 will be rescheduled due to the OSU vs. Notre Dame football game.

ADJOURN

- Prior to adjournment, the Chair asked for news of the flock and prayer requests. Minister Deb reported a praise that Dick has stopped dialysis because his kidneys are working again. The meeting adjourned with The

Lord's Prayer at 8:00pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025 at 7:00pm, led by Jan Grieser.

- Following adjournment, the secretary noted several thank you cards were received from staff members in appreciation for gift cards given to them at Christmas.

Natalie McClelland, Recording Secretary

**SYNOD AUTHORIZED MINISTER'S REPORT
ST. PAUL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL
JANUARY 14, 2025**

Word for Thought:

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging." (Psalm 46:1-3)

In her response to the Wildfires in California, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton writes "The images of leaping flames, smoke-choked skies, and the wreckage of homes and habitats in and around Los Angeles are hard to bear. The ongoing, deadly wildfires have claimed lives, displaced hundreds of thousands of people, and destroyed homes, businesses, schools, and houses of worship. The devastation continues as winds spread the flames. So far, we know that Bishop Brenda Bos of the Southwest California Synod lost her home in the Eaton fire. We believe that the fires have touched the lives of many more ELCA members and several congregations as the synod continues to receive damage reports ... [as the fires continue to rage] the final word is faith, not fear. God redeems us and calls us by name to be agents of healing and hope, even amid staggering loss. In faith, we respond through prayer, accompaniment, and action."

Concerned for everyone who has been personally touched by this devastation, we lift our thoughts and prayers to God who is our refuge and strength. Please join me, as we lift up our concerns using the following Litany in Time of Wildfires (an ELCA worship resource):

*O Lord, when fires rage and consume the land,
Stir up in us the fire of your love.
When homes are reduced to embers and ashes,
Stir up in us the fire of your love.
When families are displaced and tomorrow is uncertain,
Stir up in us the fire of your love.
Calm the anxiety that turns us in on ourselves.
For in you, O Lord, is new life.
Grant us faith to trust that even the dust will live by your breath.
For in you, O Lord, is new life.
Extend our lives in service that we might fan the flames of hope.
For in you, O Lord, is new life.
Thanks be to God. Amen.*

Let us pray for those affected by the wildfires and for all people according to their needs:

O most loving Father, you want us to give thanks in all circumstances and to lay all our cares on you, knowing that you care for us. Grant that fears and anxieties in the mortal life may not hide from us the light of your immortal love shown to us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*ELW Pastoral Care*, page 359)

Activity Since the December Council Meeting:

Worship, Church Functions, Member Contact Outside of Worship

- Worship Services (x10)
- Dedication of the Bell (x1)

- “The Jokers” Card Group (x5)
- Hosted the Jokers for a holiday dessert @ the Parsonage (x1)
- In-office, home, and phone visitations (x7)
- Hospital visitation (x1)
- Christmas Caroling & Fellowship (x1)
- Confirmation Classes (x1)
- Choir (x1)
- Dartball Tournament Opening Prayer (x1)
- Dartball (x3)
- Meeting with Staff Support (x1)
- Worship Committee (x1)
- Youth Board (x1)
- Parish Board (x1)
- Holiday Open House @ the Parsonage (x1—attended by 38 individuals, most of whom were church members)

Related Church Activities

- SAM Supervisor Session (x2)
- SAM Cohort Zoom Meeting (x1)
- Ecumenical Partners Lunch (x1)
- Central Conference Ministerial Group Gathering (x1)

Upcoming Events

- Baptism of Beckett Wilson – January 19, 2025, 11:15am Worship
- *Presentation of Our Lord* Sunday – February 2, 2025 ... will include “Candlemass” (Blessing of Candles). The altar candles will be blessed for the year, and individuals are invited to bring candles from home to also be blessed.
- Ash Wednesday – March 5, 2025
- Bible Study – *Read, Reflect, Relax in God’s Word* (The spiritual practices of Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) and Visio Divina (Divine Seeing) will be offered the 5 Wednesdays of Lent

Items for Consideration

- Offering an invitation to Bishop Beaudoin to join us for worship on a Sunday morning.
- Discerning how we can help the Smith Family as Aaron continues rehabilitation and healing

Respectfully Submitted
Deb Noll, Synod Authorized Minister

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR FEBRUARY 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: Melissa Kroske
LECTOR: The Clark Family
WEBSITE COORDINATOR: Chelsea Boehm

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

Nadine Boehm — nadineb@thewavz.com or 419-722-6370

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 JANUARY 2025: Janell Brenner (*friend of Minister Deb*); Steve Chason (*cousin of Tom Valentage*); family and friends of Rex Gallant (*friend of Lisa Creque*); Jon Gast; Marsha Grieser; Norm Hahn; Deborah Jenkins (*cousin of Tom Valentage*); Jane Kidd (*sister-in-law of Vicky Bauman*); Paul Lavery (*friend of Sally Valentage's sister*); family and friends of Connie Makrides (*Jessica Kemerley's grandmother*); Fran Maratta (*cousin of Tom Valentage's mother*); Steve McClelland; Dick Noll; Faye Parcher (*Beth Wilhelm's mother*); Peggy Pfeiffer (*fighting cancer & an Upper Sandusky dartball player*); Norma Riegle (*starting chemo treatments & Betty Sharrer's sister*); LeAnn Saltz (*co-worker of Sally Valentage*); Betty Sharrer & son Robert (*house fire*); Aaron Smith; Dave & Sandy Steck (*friends of Minister Deb & Dick*); family and friends of Blakely Lennox Coast Wolford (*infant daughter of Anthony & Abby Wolford, granddaughter of James Wolford, & great granddaughter of David & Anna Wolford*); all military personnel including — Griffin Hartman, Lance Leisure, Evan McMonigal, Justin Riegle, 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.

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

St. Paul Congregation ~ Thank you for the Bob Evan's gift card. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness! Praying that my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ have a blessed New Year. *Lisa Gossman*

Dear St. Paul Church ~ Thank you for your generous donation to Head Start Preschool. We are grateful for the church's commitment to our students and families. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Many thanks, Alyssa Roach, HHWP CAC Preschool

Merry Christmas ~ Presents, surprised, and lots of fun – hope this Christmas is a happy one! Thank you for making our Christmas special! Sincerely, *Nick, Morgan, Jett, Owen, Emiliano, Ezekiel, and Esias*

Thank You to the Outreach Committee for providing the food supplies for the “Meal in a Box”. The “Meal in a Box” was a wonderful outreach which provided the food to prepare a wonderful meal. Thank you again, *Ruth Tobin*

Thank you for all the kindness you bring to the world. The body of Christ is such a beautiful thing! God's richest blessings as you continue to be the hands and feet of Christ! Dear friends of St. Paul, My sister, Rachel and Rebecca and I want to sincerely thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts for all the food [meal train], visits [carollers], and prayers that you have so graciously showered our parents, Darwin and Louise Wilson with!

Love, *Sarah J. Asiala*

On behalf of St. Peter Lutheran Church Council we would like to thank you for your gift of \$4,005.00 toward our recovery from hurricane damage. We are making progress and hope to be able to use our building in a few weeks. In Christ, Arlene Burm, Council Secretary

Thank you very much ~ Even though you didn't have to do it, you did it anyway. And it was much appreciated. Thank you so much for the wonderful goodie bag you shared with me at Christmas! Your thoughtfulness and kindness was greatly appreciated! May God bless each and everyone of you today and always. God's Blessings,

Jan Eibling



On Sunday, January 19th we welcomed Beckett Russell Wilson by Infant Baptism into membership at St. Paul at the 11:15AM Worship Service. Beckett is the son of Mitchell D. and Jenna N. [Corban] Wilson. Beckett was born on July 22, 2024 at OSU/Wexner Hospital, Columbus, OH. May blessings be with Beckett as he begins his baptismal journey. Sponsors for Beckett are Ryan and Lindsay Stamper.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Blakely Lennox Coast Wolford. Blakely is the infant daughter of Anthony and Abby Wolford. She passed away on Thursday, January 2nd. Blakely is the granddaughter of James Wolford and great granddaughter of David and Anna Wolford. May the family and friends of Blakely feel God holding them close and fill them with resurrection hope.



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



In 2025, we have returned to the last Sunday of each month offering a meal. Our next Daily Bread Community Meal will be held on Sunday, February 23rd. Thank you to everyone who is helping to support this ministry through the food donations, help with serving, help with clean up, and especially financial donations. We definitely could not be doing this ministry without everyone's help. THANK YOU AGAIN!!

Thank you to everyone who provided pillows, twin sheet sets and blankets for the Christian Clearing House. Outreach was able to drop off to Christian Clearing House: 4 pillows – 16 twin sheet sets – and 5 blankets. Thank you for helping our brothers and sisters in need.

ALL COMMITTEES – Please send in a 2024 Report to the church secretary (stpaul Lutheran6@yahoo.com) to be included in the 2024 Annual Report. Deadline for submitting reports will be on Sunday, February 9th.

2024–2025 Dartball Schedule for February 2025

Monday, February 3 rd	7:00PM	Salem, Findlay @ Jenera Jr. / Jenera Sr. @ Upper Sandusky
Monday, February 10 th		Week Off (Make-up Date, if needed)
Saturday, February 15 th	10:00AM	Saturday League Tournament at Jenera
		Doors open at 9:00AM / Tournament begins at 10:00AM
Monday, February 17 th	6:00PM	Banquet at Dola, St. John Lutheran Church
		Doors open at 5:30PM / Banquet starts at 6:00PM



**Kids Praise meets on Wednesdays with Bible Lessons based on BUGS.
 Wednesday, February 5th and Wednesday, February 12th
 Meal at 5:45PM — Kids Praise from 6:30PM — 7:30PM
 Wednesday Night Live Bible Study [7th – 12th Grade] from 6:15PM – 7:30PM**

ReFUEL and Ignite INFORMATION for FEBRUARY

YOUTH INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 2nd	ReFUEL (7th – 12th Grade)	6:00PM – 8:00PM
Sunday, February 9th	Ignite (4th – 6th Grade)	6:00PM – 8:00PM
ReFUEL — Snow Trails — TBD		

CONFIRMATION CLASSES for FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 2nd	Confirmation Classes	5:00PM – 6:00PM
Sunday, February 9th	Confirmation Classes	5:00PM – 6:00PM
Sunday, February 16th	Confirmation Classes	5:00PM – 6:00PM
Sunday, February 23rd	Confirmation Classes	5:00PM – 6:00PM



December 26, 2024

St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
 9340 Township Road 32
 Jenera, OH 45841-8950

Dear St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$4,875.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

"[Jesus said.] Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers? [The lawyer] said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" (Luke 10:36-37)

As a church, we are freed by the transformative life of Christ, and this freedom emboldens us to love and serve our neighbors just as Christ has shown us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power of God's love.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

In Christ,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
 Director, Giving, Service and Justice
 ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your receipt.



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
 9340 Township Road 32
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Dear Friends,

Thank you! We received your generous donation to Christian Clearing House and wanted to tell you how grateful we are for donors like **YOU!**

Your donation truly allows us to fulfill our mission- *To provide emergency assistance for our neighbors facing financial, emotional, or spiritual needs in Hancock County.* With the support of our donors, Christian Clearing House is able to serve more than 5,000 families annually.

Your kindness towards others is directly impacting the lives of individuals and families here in the community. Your donation and support are greatly appreciated by the Christian Clearing House staff, Board of Directors, and our volunteers.

YOU are making a difference!

With Gratitude and Blessings,

Heather Davis

Heather Davis, Office Manager

Thank you for your gift of \$1,492.38 on January 22, 2025.

Keep this letter for your records. Federal Identification #34-1756789

No goods or services were received for this donation.

Our Daily Bread meal served 96 people last Sunday. Again, we want to thank EVERYONE who helped with setup, donated food/money, helped serve during the meal and especially afterwards!!! Many hands help to lighten the load and it is greatly appreciated. The next meal will be held on Sunday, February 23rd.

The Outreach January project of new bed linens, blankets, and pillows yielded: 4 pillows, 5 blankets, and 16 twin bed linen sets along with some paper towels. Christian Clearing House was very appreciative of the donation. Thank You St Paul's members for your generosity to those in need.

February 2025 Birthdays

Saturday, February 1 st	Gideon Fisher
Saturday, February 1 st	Susanna Gant
Saturday, February 1 st	Emersyn Tiell
Saturday, February 1 st	Karter Tiell
Sunday, February 2 nd	Tyler Amos
Monday, February 3 rd	Dick Noll
Tuesday, February 4 th	Kathy Hahn
Wednesday, February 5 th	Nancy Smith
Wednesday, February 5 th	Rick Wolford
Thursday, February 6 th	Sherry Sickles
Friday, February 7 th	Nathaniel Edmiston
Friday, February 7 th	Gary Reichley
Sunday, February 9 th	Beth Kimmel
Monday, February 10 th	Ben Wolford
Tuesday, February 11 th	Joe Panfil
Tuesday, February 11 th	Diane Parke
Tuesday, February 11 th	Paul Tomlins
Wednesday, February 12 th	Paul Hartman
Wednesday, February 12 th	Nancy Tobin
Thursday, February 13 th	Jennifer Oechsle
Friday, February 14 th	Kreg Dodge
Monday, February 17 th	Katie Kramer
Monday, February 17 th	Larry Parke
Monday, February 17 th	Ed Solt
Tuesday, February 18 th	Megan Follas
Wednesday, February 19 th	Josie Boehm
Wednesday, February 19 th	Harold Bower
Wednesday, February 19 th	Sandy Boyd
Wednesday, February 19 th	Abbey Dempster
Friday, February 21 st	Mike Grieser
Friday, February 21 st	Steven Reichley
Friday, February 21 st	Isaac vonStein
Saturday, February 22 nd	Seth Carey
Sunday, February 23 rd	Keith Bower
Sunday, February 23 rd	Melanie Leisure
Monday, February 24 th	Stacey Edmiston
Monday, February 24 th	Renee Rammel
Wednesday, February 26 th	Jennifer Dempster
Wednesday, February 26 th	Scott McDowell
Thursday, February 27 th	Beth Bell
Thursday, February 27 th	RuthAnn Reichley
Thursday, February 27 th	Kellen Steinmetz



February 2025 Wedding Anniversaries

Friday, February 7 th	Aaron and Bobbi Korte – 16
Friday, February 7 th	Larry and Ilene Parke – 54
Wednesday, February 12 th	Cory and Randi Glick – 14
Monday, February 24 th	Bob and Paula Tomlins – 29
Thursday, February 27 th	Lynn and Nadine Boehm – 43



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ FEBRUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Altar Guild: Sally Valentage Lector: The Clark Family Organists: February 2nd, 16th, and 23rd: Lisa Gossman February 9th – Janet Carey</p>						1
<p>2 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM – 1:00PM Benefit Luncheon for Betty and Robert Sharrer 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Classes 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL [7th – 12th Grade]</p>	<p>3 7:00PM Dartball Salem, Findlay @ Jenera Jr. Jenera Sr. @ Upper Sandusky</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 5:45PM Meal before Kids Praise 6:15PM – 7:30PM Wednesday Night Live Bible Study 6:30PM – 7:30PM Kids Praise</p>	<p>6 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 5:00PM – 8:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved for boys basketball 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by “The Jokers”</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 2:00PM Rock N Roll 4-H Meeting 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Classes 6:00PM – 8:00PM Ignite [4th – 6th Grade]</p>	<p>10 NO Dartball / Week Off [Make – Up Date, if needed]</p>	<p>11 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting</p>	<p>12 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day 5:45PM Meal before Kids Praise 6:15PM – 7:30PM Wednesday Night Live Bible Study 6:30PM – 7:30PM Kids Praise</p>	<p>13 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by “The Jokers” 7:00PM Parish Education Board Meeting</p>	<p>14 VALENTINE’S DAY</p>	<p>15 ALL DAY Fellowship Hall reserved for Dartball League Tournament / [doors open at 9:00AM] Tournament starts at 10:00AM</p>
<p>16 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Classes 6:30PM Movie Night</p>	<p>17 PRESIDENTS’ DAY 6:00PM Dartball Banquet / Dola [Doors open at 5:30PM] [Last names that start with A through M — hot side dish] [Last names that start with N through Z — cold side or dessert]</p>	<p>18 7:00PM WELCA Meeting</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by “The Jokers”</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 9:00AM – NOON Kitchen and Fellowship Hall reserved by Outreach Committee</p>
<p>23 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM – 1:00PM Community Meal 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Classes</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day</p>	<p>27 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by “The Jokers”</p>	<p>28</p>	