



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DEB NOLL, MINISTER

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

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ST. PAUL "MESSENGER" MARCH ~ 2023

[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² So he said to them, "When you pray, say. . . (Luke 11:1-2a)

Dear Friends in Christ,

"Lord, Teach Us to Pray" is the title of the Bible Study being offered on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Gathering together in the library, each week we will explore what the Bible tells us about prayer. Here are the weekly topics to be discussed:

Week 1 (March 1): What Is Prayer? Why Do We pray? and The Lord's Prayer

"What is Prayer?" We will discuss the various answers that come from the participants. Have you ever thought, "God already knows everything I need and want, so why do I need to pray?" This study will consider the question through the lens of the Lord's Prayer, and with Martin Luther's Small Catechism as a valued resource.

Week 2 (March 8): What Was Jesus' Prayer Life? (Part 1)

The disciples wanted Jesus to teach them to pray as He prayed. What did they see and hear Jesus do and say in His prayers that enticed them to want to pray? In Part 1, we will explore five aspects of Jesus' prayer life: 1. Jesus believed that prayer works; 2. Praying did not make Jesus passive; 3. Jesus prayed alone; 4. Jesus prayed in community; and 5. Jesus prayed before meals.

Week 3 (March 15): What Was Jesus' Prayer Life? (Part 2)

We will pick up where we left off from Week 2 exploring five additional aspects of Jesus' prayer life: 6. Jesus offered thanks; 7. Jesus sang some prayers; 8. Jesus prayed before making important decisions; 9. Jesus prayed for his disciples, and 10. Jesus continues to pray for us.

Week 4 (March 22): What Is the Appropriate Posture for Prayer?

In this session, we will look at the reasons people take on different postures for praying. We will discuss: 1. Lying Prostrate Before God; 2. Kneeling Before God; 3. Bowing Before God; 4. Standing Before God; and 5. Sitting Before God. We will see examples of these postures found in the Bible.

Week 5 (March 29): Where and How Do I Begin to Pray?

Timothy Keller introduces a simple starter plan for daily prayer in his book, "Prayer! Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God." We will review Keller's plan, and learn the importance of "rote prayers." Participants will be introduced to five prayer practices that can be incorporated into daily life.

The Bible study is open to everyone with a desire to build and keep a meaningful prayer relationship with God. Even if you haven't signed up to participate in the study, you are welcome to join us. Extra copies of the study will be available. It is my prayer that everyone who participates will come away with new insight and renewed energy towards praying as Jesus prayed.

Blessings to all,
Minister Deb

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023 – 7:00PM**

Attendance: Tom Carey, Nathan Cowan, Jane Follas, Amy Gibson, Jan Grieser, Jake Leu, Natalie McClelland, Amanda Price, Mike Stoltz, Tammy von Stein

CALL TO ORDER – Jan Grieser

Vice Chairman, Jan Grieser called the meeting to order at 7:01pm, and opened with Council Prayer then reviewed our 2023 Book Study, “Grounded in Prayer” written by Brent W. Dahlseng.

The January 3, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Checking account balances as of January 31, 2023

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| Current | \$123,713.70 |
| Building | \$0.00 |
| Improvement | \$1,303.89 |
| Missions | \$4,333.00 |
| <u>Special Projects</u> | <u>\$35,886.23</u> |
| TOTAL | \$165,236.82 |

Savings – General Memorial \$8,851.30

- Account balances for January 2023 and current profit & loss statement comparing budget vs. actual were reported along with December checks written. Contributions to the Current Fund as of January 31, 2023, totaled \$26,715.02 vs. a budgeted \$16,606.36. Expenses for the same period totaled \$33,011.14 vs. a budgeted \$14,188.07.

TRUSTEES REPORT

- Jason Grainger, with Steiner and Grainger Insurance did a walkthrough of the church and Parsonage to update the policy. Current annual premium is ~\$11,500 for \$4 million in coverage. He recommended that St. Paul also meet with a representative from Mennonite Mutual for an insurance quote as they specialize in faith based and church insurance along with Agribusiness and Farm Insurance. A representative from Mennonite Mutual, Wooster Ohio, will be meeting with the Trustees on Monday, February 20 to tour the church and parsonage and provide a quote. Contents in the parsonage are currently not insured, this will be included in the quote. Jason did say that premiums have increased due to an increase in property values.
- Trustees are looking into options for installing handrails at the front of the sanctuary (one at north end and one at south end) for ease of climbing the steps.
- Natalie reported back on the restoration of the church bell and after gathering further details from past council members, this topic was previously discussed, and mentioned this would be an expensive project and advised the funds could be put towards other projects of greater value to St. Paul and the community. Council tabled this topic for next meeting to discuss further, other practical options for this bell.
- As previously reported, the lights on the outside cross need replaced. Council is exploring LED rope lighting, which will require a lift and Amanda Price mentioned her family member has a lift would be willing to help assist with this project. Jan asked trustees to provide cost for rope lighting next month.
- The red cushioned chairs in the sanctuary are very worn and will be replaced. Trustees are researching purchase options. It was suggested the old ones be donated to ReStore if they would take them.

- Mike Stoltz motioned to switch trash removal services to Rumpke and place trash bin in the back of the church. Natalie seconded; Council approved.
- Jake Orwick reported that Southwest Hancock Joint Fire District was approved at the beginning of the year for their district to have businesses and churches to apply for what is called a “Knock Box”. This box would be placed on the outside of the building with keys so they do not have to break down a door to enter should there be a fire. He is gathering further details and will report back.

MINISTER’S REPORT – Respectfully Submitted, Deb Noll, Synod Authorized Minister

Word for Thought:

³² *And he said to [the demons], “Go!” So, they came out and entered the swine, and suddenly, the whole herd stampeded down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the water.* ³³ *The swineherds ran off, and, going into the town, they told the whole story about what had happened to the men possessed by demons.* Matthew 8:32-33

For the Northwestern Ohio Synod, 2023 is the “Year of Story.” The Synod suggested daily Bible Readings reveal the Story of Jesus. The entire Bible is the Story of God’s Love—God’s never-ending love for God’s creation—revealed through the gift and sacrifice of God’s Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Imagine sharing Jesus’ story, the whole story, with others. They may want to get to know Him, and wouldn’t that be wonderful!

Activity Since January’s Council Meeting:

Worship & Church Functions

- Worship: 12 Sunday morning services
- Opening Prayer for Dartball Tournament
- Dedication/House Blessing of the Parsonage
- Parsonage Open House
- Worship Committee Meeting
- Confirmation Class x 2
- Kids Praise x 4
- Outreach Committee Meeting
- Chili Cookoff (3rd Place) and Bakery Bingo
- Edna Marshall Funeral
- Parish Board Meeting
- Staff Meeting with Jane and Amy (Beginning in March, we will meet as staff twice a month.)
- Senior Choir Practice x 3

Member Contacts Outside of Worship

- 2 Nursing Home Visits with Edna Marshall (and Jim)
- Meeting with Edna Marshall’s family to discuss funeral arrangements
- 2 Hospital Visits for Deb Best (and Lee) + Phone Call communications
- Thursday Evening Card Playing Group x 5 (hosted one @ parsonage)
- Meeting with Mitch and Jenna Wilson to discuss Wyatt’s baptism

Pericope (Text) Study – Marion Area Clergy Group

- 4 Zoom gatherings

Related Church Activities

- Tour of Christian Clearing House and The Family Center
- Synod Authorized Minister Cohort Zoom (Topic: Ministering in the Emergency Room)
- Northwestern Ohio Synod Council Meeting (Grace Lutheran Church, Toledo)
- Worship Service @ Good Samaritan Center (I’m on a 6–month rotation with other church leaders to bring worship to Good Samaritan)
- Synod Authorized Minister Cohort Zoom (Topic: Helping Our Members to Think About Death)

Writings

- Newsletter Article
- 2022 Year-End Report Cover Letter
- At a member's suggestion, we are now sending a letter each week to our "Prayer Congregation" making it known they are in our prayers.

Continuing Education

- Rostered Leaders 3-hour Zoom "Microaggressions" Workshop

Vacation

- Wednesday, February 15 thru and including Sunday, February 19
Regular Scheduled Days off Monday, February 13, and Monday, February 20. Working from Cardington Tuesday, February 14, and Tuesday, February 21.
Will return to Jenera Tuesday, February 21—to host WELCA
Return to office Wednesday, February 22—Ash Wednesday

Looking Ahead

- Baptism of Wyatt Oliver Wilson on Sunday, February 26, 2023
- Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22. Worship with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion @ 7:00 p.m.
- Bible Study "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" on Wednesday evenings @ 5:00 p.m. during Lent: March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, and March 29 (led by Minister Deb).

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR REPORT – Amy Gibson

- The youth bulletin board has been updated.
- The youth will be attending Bible Walk in Mansfield, Ohio on March 19th. The youth are extending the invitation to all those in the congregation interested in joining. There is a pink flyer with the details of the day on the information table in the welcome space. The tour will begin at 3:00pm and the facility is opening on a Sunday just for St. Paul Lutheran so it will be a private tour. The deadline to sign up will be March 5th.
- On May 6th, the youth and all those interested in helping will be going to "Hope Woods" in Fulton Ohio (used to be Lutheran Memorial Camp) to complete service projects on the grounds of the camp.
- In April, the youth will be going to Urban Air in Perrysburg then to Oddfodder to eat.
- Snow Tubing is on Sunday February 19th.
- The youth Annual BBQ is scheduled for April 30th.

PARISH EDUCATION – Amanda Price

- 2022 Mission Fund distributions:
 - \$200 Hancock County Religious Education
 - \$200 Mission Possible
 - \$204 Arlington School Lunch Fund
- Kid's praise has had 30 – 40 kids in attendance each week. The last night is February 15 and will break for a week, then will begin the Lenten Kids Praise from 6:30pm – 7:30pm beginning March 1st – March 29. The theme for this will Escape the Tomb (Escape Room theme).
- Family Movie Night, February 19th starting at 6:30pm. Lyle Lyle Crocodile is the movie.
- April 1st will be the Easter Egg Hunt at 3:00pm.
- Campership applications available in the welcome space on the information table. Deadline is April 1st.

OUTREACH – Tammy von Stein

- 2023 appointed Committee Chairs:
 - Chairperson Tammy Robinson
 - Treasurer Elaine Ingram

- Secretary Pam Hoffman

- Share the Warmth in The Heart of Winter bedding drive for Christian Clearing House was a considerable success. Items will be delivered on Friday, February 24.
- There will be a food drive for Good Hope Lutheran during the month of March.
- Tammy v and Elaine Ingram opened a checking account at Premier Bank on behalf of Outreach with a beginning balance of \$1,865.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES -

Old Business – Nothing to Report

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New Business

- Jane Wilch submitted a letter requesting to change her work schedule from 5 to 4 days a week. Council had no concerns with this request and her new office hours now will be Tuesday — Friday — 9:00am – 3:00pm. NOTE: There could also be times when another day off other than Monday could be needed.

ADJOURN

- Meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 8:15pm.
Tammy von Stein, Recording Secretary

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MARCH 2023

SENIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR: Lisa Gossman

PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR: Jan Grieser

HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Tammy Robinson

AUDIO VIDEO: Jacob Orwick and Marty Grieser

ALTAR GUILD: Vera Sheets and Jan Grieser

WEBSITE COORDINATOR: Chelsea Boehm

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

Nadine Boehm — nadineb@thewavz.com or 419-722-6370
Pam Hoffman — hoffman87@embarqmail.com or 419-358-1682

HOSPITAL STAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PERSONS ST. PAUL HAS PRAYED FOR DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023: Tom Barnes (*member of Good Hope*); Deb Best; Harold Bower; Cindy Breidenbach & family (*friend of Nadine Boehm*); Tracey Campion (*friend of Tom & Sally Valentage*); Cheryl Crossmon (*friend of Mary Cowan*); family and friends of Jeanne Fall (*Chelsea Boehm's co-workers mom*); Chloe Gibson; Mark Hoffman (*Mike's brother*); Daryl Ingram & Steve Ingram (*Mike's brother*); Ron Kemerley; Paula Kibele (*friend of Judy Rettig*); John Krock (*brother of Christine Kemerley*); family and friends of Edna Marshall; Bill Marquart; Kyle McDowell; Lisa McDowell; family and friends of Janet Puskas (*friend of Jill Bower & Marcia Russell*); Carol Sands (*friend of Marcia Russell*); Larry Schaller; Cami Settlege; Dixie Stump (*sister of Jane Wilch*); Justin Tiell (*son of a co-worker of Kelly Settlege*); all military personnel including — Griffin Hartman, Lance Leisure, Justin Riegle, Nate Sheets, Colin Tobin, Alex vonStein, and Ben Wolford — Songambebe Lutheran Church; Navajo Lutheran Mission School – Rock Point, AZ; Hancock County Religious Education; and Mission Possible for Haiti.



We welcomed into membership by infant baptism Wyatt Oliver Wilson on Sunday, February 26th at the 11:15AM Contemporary Worship Service. Wyatt was born on November 22, 2022. May blessing be with Wyatt as he begins his baptismal journey. His sponsors are Ryan and Lindsay Stamper.

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

I would like to Thank my friends for all of the “Get Well Wishes” and “Thinking of You” cards sent to me. I have been here in Dublin, OH at “The Grand of Dublin” Nursing Home for nearly 4 years since Carl’s passing. Son, Brad, and Tracy and sons, Evan and Austin, live near me and take good care of me and look out for me. Thanks to all also who recently sent me Christmas cards and notes and Birthday Wishes on my 85th birthday (WOW, getting older) January 28, 2023. Our Wes, Trish, and nearly 2 year old great granddaughter, Clover Lin, came for a visit in October 2020. He calls every other week or so to catch up and I look forward to that. My health is pretty good for my age and all the diabetic issues. Thanks again, *Rosalyn. V. Loetz*

Thanks to everyone who helped with the 4–Man Tournament in January and everyone who helped on Saturday with the Team Tournament. Your help was very much appreciated. *Linda Wilson*

Thank you for the wonderful response to the bedding drive for Christian Clearing House. A total of 61 items were collected! Thank you for being a blessing to those in need. Outreach Committee

St. Paul Congregation — Thank you so much for letting the Arlington 3rd graders use the fellowship hall to practice and improve our basketball skills. Thank You! [*signed by 3rd grade basketballers*]

CLEANING COMMITTEE #2 – EDUCATION WING will clean on Friday, March 24th beginning at 6:00PM (or come anytime that day). If needed we will finish on Saturday, March 25th beginning at 9:00AM.
Ron Riegler, CHP. — Kreg Sheets, VCHP.

Minister Deb’s Office Hours:

- Monday – Day Off
- Tuesday – Work from Home, Evenings at Church, as necessary
- Wednesday – 9:00AM — 5:00PM
- Thursday – 9:00AM — 5:00PM [afternoons reserved for scheduling home visits]
- Friday – 9:00AM — 5:00PM
- Saturday – 8:00AM — NOON
- Sunday – Worship / Visitations / Catechism
- * * All are subject to member’s needs and emergencies.
- * * Available by phone [419-560-1988 cell]
- * * e-mail address: dnoll2347@gmail.com

THE MARCH SEWING DAYS ARE TUESDAY, MARCH 14th AND TUESDAY, MARCH 28th from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. Come all of the time or part of the time. We assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you can tie a knot, use scissors or pin material together, we’d love your help with this important ministry! Please bring a dish to share for lunch. [There were 9 ladies at the Tuesday, February 28th sewing day and 6 quilts were assembled making the total of 19 quilts completed. Thanks to all who attended. WELCA]



ST. PAUL YOUTH RECYCLES — St. Paul youth has put a container in the Welcome Space to collect USED print cartridges from your printers. So, don’t throw those cartridges away anymore, put them in the container and we will recycle them and make a few bucks in the process. Everyone wins! Anyone is welcome to place cartridges in the container.

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

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| Sunday, March 5 th | Confirmation Class — 5:00PM – 6:00PM |
| Sunday, March 12 th | Confirmation Class — 5:00PM – 6:00PM |
| Sunday, March 19 th | Confirmation Class — 5:00PM – 6:00PM |
| Sunday, March 26 th | Confirmation Class — 5:00PM – 6:00PM |

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH

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| Sunday, March 5 th | YOUTH / ReFUEL | 6:00PM – 8:00PM |
| Sunday, March 5 th | Sign-up deadline for Bible Walk scheduled for Sunday, March 19 th | |
| Sunday, March 19 th | YOUTH / Bible Walk – 3:00PM | met at the Church at 1:45PM |
- [see flyer and sign-up sheet on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space]

Kids Praise During Lent — Escape the Tomb

Wednesdays – March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th
6:30PM — 7:30PM for Pre-K — 5th grade

Hi, I am on a team for a Kairos prison ministry weekend. This is the same organization that my father has also served on. As part of being on a team I am required to provide 150 dozen cookies for the weekend. These cookies are used to minister to the inmates throughout the weekend. If you would be willing to help provide cookies, I will gladly take any help I can get. The only restriction is that they can't have nuts. I will have a box in the common area where you can drop them off. I will need the cookies by Saturday, March 18th. Thank you for your help and support!

Mitchel Boehm

If you are interested in reserving the Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary or Pavilion for a wedding, reception, family reunion, graduation, or other event, please contact the church office at 419-326-3535. If the date is available, you will be given a rental agreement to read and sign. Council is requesting that this be completed by all members and non-members prior to using the church facilities.

March 2023 Birthdays

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| Wednesday, March 1 st | Riley Bayer |
| Wednesday, March 1 st | Roger Rettig |
| Friday, March 3 rd | Reis Steinmetz |
| Saturday, March 4 th | Amanda Leu |
| Sunday, March 5 th | Mike Inbody |
| Sunday, March 5 th | Evan Shank |
| Monday, March 6 th | Sean Tobin |
| Tuesday, March 7 th | Greg Hartman |
| Tuesday, March 7 th | Raigan Smith |
| Wednesday, March 8 th | Kieran Price |
| Wednesday, March 8 th | Kollins Robinson |
| Thursday, March 9 th | Loretta Bower |
| Thursday, March 9 th | Jameson Krantz |
| Saturday, March 11 th | Dylen Hartman |
| Saturday, March 11 th | Tom Marquart |
| Sunday, March 12 th | Lee Best |
| Thursday, March 14 th | Justin Gillespie |
| Thursday, March 14 th | Lisa Gossman |
| Thursday, March 14 th | Austin Grieser |
| Thursday, March 14 th | Linda Wilson |
| Wednesday, March 15 th | Sydney King |
| Wednesday, March 15 th | Willis Marquart |
| Thursday, March 16 th | Zachery Grieser |
| Thursday, March 16 th | Mary M. Wilson |
| Friday, March 17 th | Lindsay Boehm |
| Friday, March 17 th | Gerald Inbody |
| Saturday, March 18 th | Darwin Wilson |
| Sunday, March 19 th | Michael Bower |
| Sunday, March 19 th | Cami Settlege |
| Monday, March 20 th | Morgan Smith |
| Monday, March 20 th | Payton Smith |
| Wednesday, March 22 nd | Tim Bower |

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| Thursday, March 23 rd | Emilee Bower |
| Thursday, March 23 rd | Melody McCloud |
| Thursday, March 23 rd | Nathan Norway |
| Thursday, March 23 rd | Abigail Proctor |
| Friday, March 24 th | Bethanee Bower |
| Friday, March 24 th | Tina Cowan |
| Friday, March 24 th | Connor Rader |
| Friday, March 24 th | Ruth Tobin |
| Friday, March 24 th | Ed vonStein |
| Saturday, March 25 th | Matthew Bower |
| Saturday, March 25 th | Nick Luke |
| Monday, March 27 th | Ben Grieser |
| Monday, March 27 th | Cody Light |
| Monday, March 27 th | John Wilson |
| Tuesday, March 28 th | Deb King |
| Wednesday, March 29 th | Steve McClelland |
| Wednesday, March 29 th | Dru Sidle |
| Friday, March 31 st | Emily Depuy |



March 2023 Anniversaries

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| Sunday, March 12 th | Van and Jane Follas – 47 |
| Wednesday, March 15 th | Joe and Toni Loy – 43 |
| Saturday, March 25 th | James and Jessica Kemerley – 17 |
| Sunday, March 26 th | Josh and Olivia Homera – 1 |

2023 Daily Bible Readings

The Year of Story is the Northwestern Ohio Synod's theme for 2023. Each year, Bishop Daniel Beaudoin encourages Church leaders and congregations to engage in daily Bible reading. The readings this year will walk readers through "The Story of Jesus." Together, let us read His story and ponder what God's Word reveals to us. The list of readings for the entire year may be found at:

<http://nwos-elca.church/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-Bible-Reading-Guide.pdf>

The readings for March are:

The Sermon on the Mount (According to Matthew) continued:

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| Mar. 1 | <i>On Prayer</i> | Matthew 6:5–6 |
| Mar. 2 | <i>The Lord's Prayer</i> | Matthew 6:7–15, Mark 11:25; Luke 11:1–4 |
| Mar. 3 | <i>Concerning Fasting</i> | Matthew 6:16–18 |
| Mar. 4 | <i>Concerning Treasures</i> | Matthew 6:19–21; Luke 12:33–34 |
| Mar. 5 | <i>The Sound Eye</i> | Matthew 6:22–23; Luke 11:34–36 |
| Mar. 6 | <i>Serving Two Masters</i> | Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13 |
| Mar. 7 | <i>Do Not Worry</i> | Matthew 6:25–34; Luke 12:22–32 |
| Mar. 8 | <i>Judging Others</i> | Matthew 7:1–5; Luke 6:37–42 |
| Mar. 9 | <i>Profaning the Holy</i> | Matthew 7:6 |
| Mar. 10 | <i>Ask, Search, Knock</i> | Matthew 7:7–11; Luke 11:9–13 |
| Mar. 11 | <i>The Golden Rule</i> | Matthew 7:12; Luke 6:31 |
| Mar. 12 | <i>The Narrow Gate</i> | Matthew 7:13–14; Luke 13:22–30 |
| Mar. 13 | <i>A Tree and Its Fruit</i> | Matthew 7:15–20; Luke 6:43–45 |
| Mar. 14 | <i>Concerning Self-Deception</i> | Matthew 7:21–23; Luke 13:26–27 |
| Mar. 15 | <i>Hearers and Doers</i> | Matthew 7:24–27; Luke 6:46–49 |
| Mar. 16 | <i>The Effect of the Sermon</i> | Matthew 7:28–29 |

The Sermon on the Plain (According to Luke)

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| Mar. 17 | <i>The Setting</i> | Luke 6:17–19; Matthew 4:24–5:2 |
| Mar. 18 | <i>The Beatitudes</i> | Luke 6:20–23; Matthew 5:3–12 |
| Mar. 19 | <i>The Woes</i> | Luke 6:24–26 |
| Mar. 20 | <i>Love for Enemies</i> | Luke 6:27–36; Matthew 5:43–48 |
| Mar. 21 | <i>Judging Others</i> | Luke 6:37–42; Matthew 7:1–5 |
| Mar. 22 | <i>A Tree and Its Fruit</i> | Luke 6:43–45; Matthew 7:15–20 |
| Mar. 23 | <i>Hearers and Doers</i> | Luke 6:46–49; Matthew 7:24–27 |

Jesus' Ministry in Galilee (According to Matthew: Part 2)

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| Mar. 24 | <i>Jesus Cleanses a Leper</i> | Matthew 8:1–4, Mark 1:40–45; Luke 5:12–16 |
| Mar. 25 | <i>Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant</i> | Matthew 8:5–13; Luke 7:1–10 |
| Mar. 26 | <i>Jesus Raises a Widow's Son</i> | Luke 7:11–17 |
| Mar. 27 | <i>The Healing of Peter's Mother-in-Law</i> | Matthew 8:14–15; Mark 1:29–31; Luke 4:38–39 |
| Mar. 28 | <i>Healing in the Evening</i> | Matthew 8:16–17; Mark 1:32–34; Luke 4:40–41 |
| Mar. 29 | <i>On Following Jesus</i> | Matthew 8:18–22; Luke 9:57–62 |
| Mar. 30 | <i>Jesus Stills a Storm</i> | Matthew 8:23–27; Mark 4:35–41; Luke 8:22–25 |
| Mar. 31 | <i>Jesus Heals a Demoniac</i> | Matthew 8:28–34; Mark 5:1–20; Luke 8:26–39 |
| Apr. 1 | <i>Jesus Heals a Paralytic</i> | Matthew 9:2–8; Mark 2:1–12; Luke 5:17–26 |

CHURCH CLEANING ~ 2023

Our aim is to give our church a **general cleaning** once a year. It is a big task, and each of us should feel the responsibility to help in some way, if possible. There has been a good response on the part of many in the way we have done this cleaning for many, many years. The same cleaning groups are kept, but the chairmanship is rotated. **This list names the chairperson for 2023, and the vice chairperson who will be chairperson in 2024.** If for any reason you will not serve, please notify the chairperson of your committee. If you wish to trade places with someone on another committee, you may, but please notify the chairperson of the committees involved.

There is no rule about when the work should be completed, but we aim for completion by Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023. Chairpersons should co-ordinate their committee's schedule of work with the custodians, who are the general chairperson of all the committees. The work plan may be announced in the Sunday bulletin, or personally to the members of the cleaning committees involved. **Please be sure to notify the church secretary, Jane Wilch, (419-326-3535) when you decide which day or evening that you will be working, so that conflicts with other church meetings can be avoided.** Major cleaning supplies will be furnished. The chairperson or committees may turn in to the trustees any suggestions that they, or any of their committee, think good to consider. Please check with the custodians before any major cleaning of carpets are done.

THE FOUR AREA COMMITTEES AND THE CHAIRPEOPLE

#1 Worship Space / Sacristy

Martin Grieser (sound booth), CHP.

Mark Bower, VCHP.

Beth Wilhelm
Chad Parke
Pete Wilson
Ron Kemerley
Larry Parke
Bob Isenbarger
Doug Coldren (drums)
Sean Tobin
Craig Durliat
Jerry Kimmel
Darwin Wilson
James Kemerley
Merritt VonStein
Scott McDowell
Heather Walters
Beth Bell
Andrew Follas
Mike Ingram
Lisa Gossman
Amy Krantz
Ron McDowell
Tom Boehm
Mike Hoffman
Dave Wolford
Emil Nagel
Nathan Cowan

#2 Education Wing

Ron Riegle, CHP.

Kreg Sheets, VCHP.

Sonja Eversole
Rob Zuercher
Rick Wolford
Jake Leu
Rachel Hartman
RuthAnn Bower
Ryan Riegle
Matt Luke
Allen Boehm
Ryan Leisure
Joe Loy
Jane Follas
Dustin Price
Steve Clark
Gary Wilson
Justin Gillespie
Britt Gibson
Tom Valentage
Mike Orwick

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| <p>#2 Cleaning Committee — Education Wing will clean on Friday, March 24th beginning at 6:00PM (or coming anytime that day). If needed, we will finish on Saturday, March 25th beginning at 9:00AM.</p> |
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[Cleaning Committees #3 and #4 printed on the next page]

#3 Fellowship Hall / Kitchen / Conference

Room

Keith Bower, CHP.
Roger Rettig, VCHP.
Nancy Smith
Nate Sheets
Deb Harvitt
Mike Lentz
John Wilson
Marcia Russell
Jill Bower
Ruth Lamberjack
Dan Settlage
Josh Gossman
Bob Coldren
Lynn Boehm
Vera Sheets
Norman Hahn
Steve McClelland
Doug Coldren
Marjorie Reichley
Bart Welte
Ed vonStein
Kay Sidle
Steve Reichley

#4 Welcome Space / Offices / Nursery /

Restrooms

Aaron Smith, CHP.
Phyllis Rettig, VCHP.
Lee Best
Ryan Robinson
Jeff Pepple
Joe Creque
Keith Robinson
Derek Kerner
Tom Marquart
Melissa Kroske
John Rettig
Lauren Etler
Carlie vonStein
Jon Gast
Tom Carey
Paul Hartman
Dan Ludwig
Willis Marquart
James Marshall
Gerald Rettig
Kendra Rodriguez
Jan Grieser
Lee Laird
Amber Hirt



You are ALL very much needed!

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

Mistakes can be made with this many names!



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ MARCH 2023

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| Lector: Dan Settlage Family Altar Guild: Vera Sheets and Jan Grieser Organist: March 1 st , 5 th , 8 th , 12 th , 15 th , 19 th , 22 nd , 26 th , and 29 th : Lisa Gossman | | | 1 5:00PM Lenten Bible Study 6:00PM Soup Supper 7:00PM Lenten Worship | 2 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM – 9:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by the “Jokers” | 3 6:00PM – 9:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved by “Friends Get Together” | 4 |
| 5 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 10:15AM Outreach Committee Meeting 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL | 6 | 7 | 8 5:00PM Lenten Bible Study 6:00PM Soup Supper 7:00PM Lenten Worship | 9 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM – 9:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by the “Jokers” 7:00PM Parish Education Board Meeting | 10 | 11 |
| 12 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class | 13 | 14 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting | 15 5:00PM Lenten Bible Study 6:00PM Soup Supper 7:00PM Lenten Worship 8:00PM Senior Choir Practice | 16 6:00PM – 9:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by the “Jokers” | 17 | 18 |
| 19 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT DEADLINE FOR EASTER FLOWER ORDER 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 1:45PM YOUTH / meet at church / Bible Walk 2:00PM Rock N Roll 4H Meeting / Fellowship Hall 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class | 20 | 21 7:00PM WELCA Meeting | 22 5:00PM Lenten Bible Study 6:00PM Soup Supper 7:00PM Lenten Worship 8:00PM Senior Choir Practice | 23 6:00PM – 9:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by the “Jokers” | 24 6:00PM #2 Cleaning Committee — Education Wing | 25 9:00AM #2 Cleaning Committee – Education Wing, if needed 2:00PM Rock N Roll 4H Meeting / Fellowship Hall |
| 26 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class | 27 | 28 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day | 29 5:00PM Lenten Bible Study 6:00PM Soup Supper 7:00PM Lenten Worship | 30 6:00PM – 9:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by the “Jokers” | 31 | |