

THE FORWARD

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

ST. Paul's EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWARK, OHIO JUNE 18, 2024

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Learning to Cook

I learned long ago cooking is not an exact science. It is messy and somewhat unpredictable. Most of the time it is edible, sometimes it is even good, but it never looks like the picture in the book. Often I follow a recipe, which goes great right up to when it doesn't. Recipes are fine, but inevitably I'm missing an ingredient, my oven isn't accurate, or my pan sticks. There's always some unpredictable element.

Sometimes we treat the Bible like a recipe book. If we just follow the steps, 1, 2, 3, we will end up with a beautiful soufflé, or blessing, or salvation, or whatever. But the truth is that the recipe is just the starting point. It is there to get us moving in the right direction. Inevitably, we will encounter things that don't quite seem to work. We follow all the steps and end up, not with a fluffy soufflé, but a flat, sticky mess.

A good cook knows that one always has to adjust a recipe for one's own kitchen, ingredients, and local conditions. One always has to "season to taste."

The Bible was written a long time ago, in a place far, far away. The "kitchen" back then didn't look much like ours now. The recipe has to be adjusted for today. Thankfully, we are not left to

just guess. The cook who wrote the recipe is still in the kitchen with us offering suggestions: try a little more salt; add a bit more water If the recipe turns out well, it will not be because we followed the directions so well but because we continue to listen to the master chef cooking with us, the one who wrote the book, the one who has promised to remain with us until the table is finally set and the feast is ready. *Bon Appetit!*

God bless you all! Pastor Martin

**Please keep the following people in your prayers:
Margaret Marx, Cheryl Seabright, Charles
Cooperider, The Family of Bob Brooker, Paul Baker,
Linda Pugliese.**

Ongoing: (none at this time)



(In order to keep our worship prayer list current, prayer requests will be included in Sunday worship for three weeks, after which they will be printed in the bulletin as an "ongoing" request. After six weeks, names will be removed unless a request is made to renew them.)

If you need an address for anyone or wish to add someone to the list, please call the office.

THE WHEN'S AND THE WHERE'S – let the office know if something needs to be added to the list below!

**PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment.**

- **Sunday School for all after church. See Ruth Graham , Sally Finck (ssfinck@yahoo.com) or Thelma Trainor (ttrainor@roadrunner.com) for details.**

- **Friday Night Game Nights** –meets on the 3rd Friday night of the month at 7 p.m. in Weisgerber Lounge! Interested? Bring your favorite game and come join the fun!
- **The Land of Legend Fly Fisherman** meet in Danford Hall on the second, third and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.
- **ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB** meets the third Monday evening of each month at 7 p.m. in Weisgerber Lounge. July's book is *The Rosie Effect* by Graeme Simsion.
- **AA** meets every Saturday morning at 11 a.m. in Danford Hall and on Tuesdays and Fridays at noon.
- **NA** meets on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. in Danford Hall.
- **Friday Fellowship Bible Study** meets every Friday morning at 10 a.m. in Weisgerber Lounge.
- **Ruth Circle meets next on July 10th at 10:00 a.m.** in Danford Hall.
- **Church Council will meet June 24th at 7 p.m.**
- **Matthew's Kitchen** meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- **Grief Group** meets on the 2nd Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. They meet next on July 10th.

Notes to the Church and Congregation:

CHURCH COMMUNITY COOKOUT IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 23 IN THE GREEN SPACE. This is our first quarterly event aimed at giving to the local community. Help will be needed with planning, cooking and serving. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Jerry Young, Kerrill Foster, or Pastor.

SHUT-INS – If you are in need of pastoral care, a friendly visit, or would like communion brought to your home, please contact the office and leave a message with Jodie between the hours of 10 and 2. Thanks!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to experience the fellowship we offer by joining us in the lobby of the educational building each week. A sign up is available for those who can help provide goodies. Coffee donations are always appreciated.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS! The food pantry collection barrel is currently located across from the office. ***The needs for this month are foods children can prepare on their own.*** ***Please no clothing items.*** As always, all donations

are welcome. If you wish to give a monetary donation, mark your offering envelope designated to the “Food Pantry”.

ARE YOU GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE? – The Grief Group meets on the 2nd Wednesdays at 1:30 in Danford Hall. If you would like more information, please contact Jean Hovland. The group **meets next on July 10th**.

Unapproved April 29, 2024 Council Minutes (No Meeting in May)

Congregation Council Minutes April 29, 2024

Present: Pastor Martin, Kerrill Foster, Mary Billy, Greta Blegvad, Jerry Depalmo, Sally Finck, John Grangaard, Jim Rengert, Sadie Smith, Jerry Young

Guest: Melissa Anderson

Ms. Anderson shared information about the Coalition of Care’s activities helping families stay in their homes or helping them to move into new housing.

Kerrill Foster gave the Treasurer’s Report. Jerry Y. moved to accept; Pastor Martin seconded. Motion approved. Kerrill is continuing to explore options for online giving, looking into costs and feasibility.

Jim provided the Rental Property Report. Mary moved to accept; Sally seconded. Motion approved.

The Property Committee Report was given. Mary moved to accept; Greta seconded. Motion approved.

Jerry Y. read the Congregational Care Committee Report. John moved to accept; Jerry D. seconded. Motion approved.

Pastor Martin presented his report.

Jerry Y. suggested having a community ice cream social and/or cookout. It will be for June 23rd after the worship service.

The minutes of the March council meeting were approved.

There will be no council meeting in May. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 24th at 7 P.M.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sadie Smith

July Birthdays

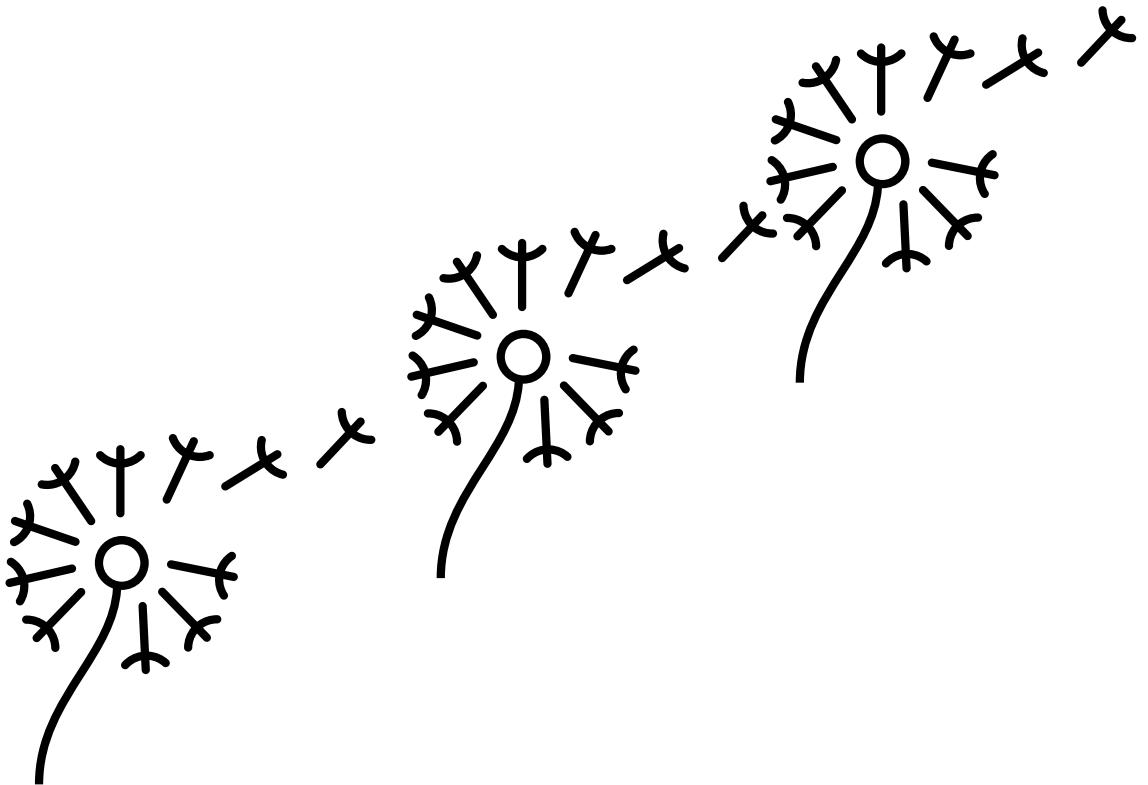
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| 1 - Doug Fulton | Tammi Trites | Baker |
| Grace Pastorius | 14 - Alice Beamer | 22 - Steve Wiersma |
| Joseph Wolf | Seamus Jordan | 24 - Paul Fuller |
| 2 - Julie DeBacco | 17 - Pastor Martin Gehring | 27 - William Enderle |
| Wilma Keller | Katie Stanley | 28 - Kathy Jordan |
| Ernestine Yontz (98) | 18 - Addison | Lou Thomas |
| 3 - Thomas Mullady | Laidlaw-Smith | 29 - Jenna Chorpenning |
| 5 - Amanda Smith | Bryan Vincent | 30 - Christine |
| 6 - Matt Rauch | 19 - Chelsey Dupler | Godenschwager |
| 8 - Rochelle Paul | 20 - Carl Beamer | John Grangaard |
| 9 - Nikki McDaniel | Charlie Laidlaw-Smith | |
| Dick Oberholtzer (91) | 21 - Sarah (Armstrong) | |

July Anniversaries

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| 1 - Dick & Anne Daly (46) | 14 - John & Kathy Jordan (51) |
| Ron & Cindy Flowers (37) | |
| 3 - Jeff & Sandy Chorpenning (31) | 17 - Shannon & Jennifer Rebecca Ricciardo (25) |
| 7 - Matt & Chris Godenschwager (32) | 22 - Milton & Carmella Holman (29) |
| Ronald & Sheila Cline (17) | |
| 8 - Andy & Lauren Grangaard (18) | 23 - Paul & Connie Baker (58) |
| | 24 - Dick & Marie Oberhotzer (69) |
| 10 - Shaun & Andrea O'Keefe (11) | 29 - Vincent & Betsy Kleinknecht (35) |

Sunday Volunteers for July 2024

Position	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Cantor	Ruth Gehring	?	Juli Rauch	?
Lector	Aurora Brown	Ainsley Laidlaw-Smith	Mark Finck	Melady Brown
Com. Assistant	Shirley Campbell	Addison Laidlaw-Smith	Carol Mumaw	Amanda John
Usher	Fred Freytag, Charles Cooperider, Steve Wiersma	Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Charles Cooperider	Greg Everingham, John Grangaard	Don Miller, Jerry Young, Charles Cooperider
Counters	Fred & Lindsay Freytag, Sally Finck	Julie Lamp, Kerrill Foster	Sally Finck, Greg & Kim Everingham	Geoff Kaercher & Don Miller



FINANCIAL REPORT

Received 5/5/2024		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	\$ 2,925.00	\$68,742.00	Sat. 4 p.m. 12
Benevolence	<u>295.00</u>	<u>2,084.00</u>	Sun. 10 a.m. <u>43</u>
Total	\$3,220.00	\$ 70,826.00	Total 55

Received 5/12/2024		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	\$ 8,040.00	\$76,782.00	Sat. 4 p.m. 14
Benevolence	<u>15.00</u>	<u>2,099.00</u>	Sun. 10 a.m. <u>57</u>
Total	\$8,055.00	\$ 78,881.00	Total 71

Received 5/19/2024		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	\$ 2,057.00	\$78,839.00	Sat. 4 p.m. 11
Benevolence	<u>43.00</u>	<u>2,142.00</u>	Sun. 10 a.m. <u>63</u>
Total	\$2,100.00	\$ 80,981.00	Total 74

Received 5/26/2024		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	\$ 2,527.00	\$81,366.00	Sat. 4 p.m. 15
Benevolence	<u>15.00</u>	<u>2,157.00</u>	Sun. 10 a.m. <u>??</u>
Total	\$2,542.00	\$ 83,523.00	Total ??

Thank you, Thrivent Choice members, for your donations to St. Paul's!

Thrive! Campaign \$26,160* Pledged \$2,032 Paid in 2024
\$24,158 paid in total. \$2,002 outstanding ,pledges

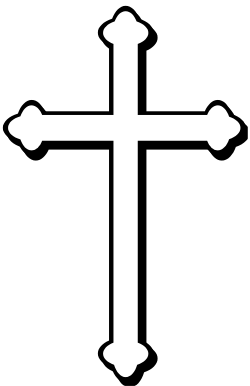
** Total Thrive! Campaign Pledge amount has been adjusted for people who have left, altered their pledge amount or who have passed away.*

Income for Operations as of May 31, 2024	\$ 86,656.01
Total Operating Expenses as of May 31, 2024	<u>-117,435.31</u>
<u>Deficit</u>	(\$ 30,779.30)

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**SUNDAY
SCHEDULE**
Traditional Worship
10 a.m.



**SATURDAY
WORSHIP**
4 p.m. year-round

*“The Mission of St. Paul’s
Evangelical Lutheran
Church is to **SHARE**, at all
times and with all people,
the Good News of **GOD’S
GRACE**, through
CHRIST JESUS.”*

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