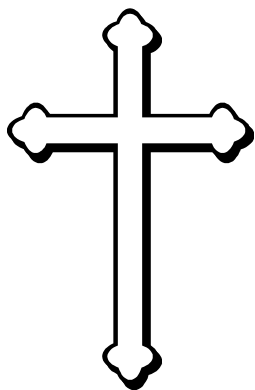


**SUNDAY  
SCHEDULE  
Traditional Worship  
10 a.m.**



**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.**"*

**THE FORWARD July 20, 2021**  
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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
NEWARK, OHIO JULY 20, 2021

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**Moving Forward** Well, here we are, returning to our more traditional form of church communication. There will be a few changes until we get back to business as usual. To begin with there won't be a monthly calendar included with the Forward this month because we don't have a lot to put on it just yet. However, if your group is starting up meeting again, please let the office know so that we can put that information on the church calendar, and once we have more to say we will put out that official calendar. In the body of this newsletter you will see the list of volunteers for the month of August and the list of birthdays and anniversaries for the month of August that usually occur on the back of the calendar

The biggest news of the month is that our new pastor, Martin Gehring will be starting in the office on Monday July 26<sup>th</sup>. His first services with us will be Saturday July 31st and Sunday August 1st and we certainly look forward to having him with us. Here is his letter to the congregation accepting the call: *"I was delighted to hear of the congregation's vote to call me as their next pastor, and I feel real joy and satisfaction in accepting the call. I look forward to getting to know you all, becoming part of your community, and to the ministry that we will do together! God bless us in this new adventure!"*

I'm a little rusty at this, so bear with me as we get started up again! If you have anything you need to add to the Forward please make sure that you let the office know by 2:00 PM on the first Friday of every month. It's good to be back to this point. *Kerrill Foster*



Please keep the following people in your prayers: *Steve Gall, Birgita Wittman, Tambra Simon, Pastor Martin Waack, Milton & Carmella Holman, Ernie Cooperider, Peg Hupp, Starr Cummings, Pamela Graham, Jena Olien-Harris, Deirdre McIntyre.*

**Those with long-term ongoing concerns:** Marshall Rosene, Pastor Betsy, Ruth Swinehart, Ginny Baker, Betty Neighbarger, Wilma Keller, Terry Nelson, Margaret Marx, Peg Hupp, Rose Godenschwager, Frances Slebodnik, Terrie Baker, Dawn Campbell.

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

#### **Notes to the Church and Congregation:**

**Help Needed!** We need a few helping hands to prepare the church for worship on Saturday afternoons, and clean up after the service on Sunday. The work is not hard and takes about 30 to 45 minutes. If you can help out, please contact Terri Beamer, or speak to her at church.

**Painting, anyone?** Or any other handyman skills? Both the church property and rental property committee are in need of helping hands – the rental property committee especially needs help painting. If you can help, please see Jim Rengert or Diane Ganz. Thanks!

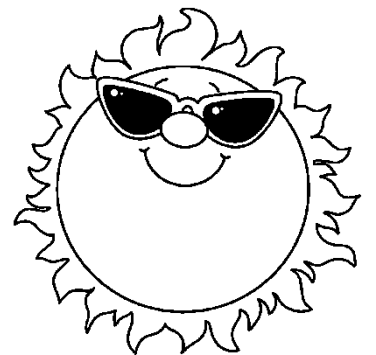
**Card Shower for Ruth!** Ruth Swinehart turns **99!!!** on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July. Won't you please consider sending her a card? She is in the Arlington Care Center, 98 S 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Newark, 43055

**Thank you for the many cards** and messages of condolence at the death of our dear mother, Sarah Ackerman. A special thanks to the

**WELCA NEWS - School Kits for Lutheran World Relief - ATTENTION:** Now is the time to catch the sales on back to school supplies. WELCA and children of the congregation will again be assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will place a box in the lobby area of the education building by mid-July to gratefully receive your contributions. It would be wonderful if we could fill at least 60 book bags. If you prefer, you may make a cash contribution and designate it for 'School Kits' on your offering envelope.

**SCHOOL KITS** provide supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war; are given to children in refugee camps and may also be used in adult literacy classes. The following items are included in each school kit:

- **70-80 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8" x 10-1/2", no loose-leaf paper.**
- **Blunt scissors (safety scissors with imbedded steel blades work well)**
- **30-centimeter rulers, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other**
- **Pencil sharpeners – manual hand-held little ones – no battery-operated ones, please!**
- **#2 pencils unsharpened with erasers**
- **Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)**
- **Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons**
- **2 1/2" erasers**



**THANK YOU** Thrivent members for directing your Thrivent Choice dollars to St. Paul's during the past year and beyond! Thank you to those who have donated to various memorials and funds during the past year. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Total Income for Operations as of May 31, 2021	\$60,303.25
Total Operating Expenses as of May 31, 2021	- 37,024.37
<u>Balance</u>	<u>\$ 23,278.88</u>

**ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LAMP CANDLES**  
**Flowers and candles are available for the remainder of July and August.**

July 11th – Given by Janet Gall in honor of Steve Gall’s birthday on the 11<sup>th</sup>  
July 24<sup>th</sup> – Given by Steve and Janet Gall in honor of their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the same date.



Saturday church group for the contribution, which we have given to the Saint Paul’s flower fund. We appreciate your kindness. *Greta Blegvad and family of Sarah*

**I just wanted to extend my thanks** and appreciation to everyone that sent cards that meant so much to me, and for the visitation from Pastor Stroup, and all the prayers that you have sent since Michael's passing. Love and blessings to everyone. *Julie Ingram*

**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!

**A CHANGE IN THE JANITORIAL SERVICE** New Jan II is no longer our Janitorial Service. Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Dawn Wells will be our new part-time sexton. She will be cleaning 15 hours/week, coming in on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays

**THE WHEN’S AND THE WHERE’S** – **If your group is starting up again, please let us know so we can get your information on the church calendar!**

- **ST. PAUL’S BOOK CLUB** meets the third Monday evening of each month at 7 p.m. in Weisgerber Lounge.
- **AA** meets every Saturday morning at 11 a.m. in Danford Hall
- **Friday Fellowship Bible Study** meets every Friday morning at 10 a.m. in Weisgerber Lounge.
- **Ruth Circle** next meets **Wednesday August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 to noon** in Danford Hall.
- **Our Next Outdoor service will be Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. weather permitting.** Remember your lawn chair!

- **The Deadline for Forward information is 2 p.m. on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Church Council will meet Monday August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

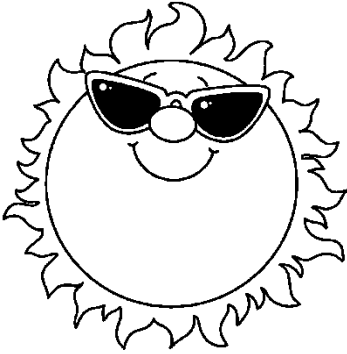
**Sunday Volunteers for August 2021**

Position	Aug 1	Aug 8	Aug 15	Aug 22	Aug 29
<b>Cantor</b>	Juli Rauch	Sadie Smith	Alice Beamer	Dustin Hill	Tim Jordan
<b>Lector</b>	Jerry Young	Sadie Smith	Greta Blegvad	Mark Finck	Diane Ganz
<b>Usher</b>	Charles Cooperider	Charlie-Laidlaw Smith	Greg Everingham	Don Miller	Florence Knerr
<b>Counters</b>	Fred & Linsay Freytag, Sally Finck	Geoff Kaercher, Richard & Diana Koch	Sally Finck, Greg & Kim Everingham	Kerrill Foster, Don Miller	Kerrill Foster, Diane Ganz, Julie Lamp

**August Birthdays**

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|--|---|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – Ginny Baker (96)<br>Linda Wildman        | 9 <sup>th</sup> - Ellie Crane<br>Richard Pound    | 18 <sup>th</sup> - Carol Wheeler (89)<br>Scotty Whiteside |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Ashley Baker<br>Megan Swisher            | Gayla Richmond                                    | 19 <sup>th</sup> - Linda Smart                            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Wayne Marx                               | 10 <sup>th</sup> - Wanda Barrett                  | 20 <sup>th</sup> – Ann Altmaier<br>Maggie Fuller          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> – Rose<br>Godenschwager                    | 11 <sup>th</sup> - Logan Bragg<br>Aiden Carpenter | Jacob Poston  |
| Jane King (86)   | Evan Hodges                                       | 21 <sup>st</sup> - Ashton Hall<br>Jodie Jones             |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> – Mary Lou Heatwole (89)<br>Lynn Hostetter | 12 <sup>th</sup> - Cynthia flowers                | 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Hannah Watkins                         |
| Cheryl Trainor   | 13 <sup>th</sup> - Laura McDaniel<br>Kira Miller  | 25 <sup>th</sup> - Jackie Sainsbury                       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> – Susan Wagenheim                          | Ron Wheeler                                       | 27 <sup>th</sup> - Jackie Casto                           |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> - Sadie Smith                              | Linda Woolard                                     | 29 <sup>th</sup> - Dan Campbell                           |
|  | 14 <sup>th</sup> - Katie Miller                   | 30 <sup>th</sup> - Jana Hovland<br>Jack Metcalf           |
|  | 17 <sup>th</sup> - Suzanne McElfresh              | Tim O'Keefe   |
|  |   | 31 <sup>st</sup> - Alexandrina Wolf                       |

**August Anniversaries**



- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kevin & Faith Settles (24)
- 4<sup>th</sup> – John & Libby Warnock (48)
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Charlie & Hydi Laidlaw-Smith (27)
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Jim & Jackie Casto (51)
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Doug & Cheryl Fulton (46)
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Will & Jeri Kennard (54)
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Mark & Sally Finck (26)
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Richard & Diana Koch (43)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Geoff & Jaye Kaercher (33)
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Rick & Tanya Myers (45)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Bill & Christine Robbins (23)
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Marty & Dee Altmaier (48), Tim and Brenda O’Keefe (37)
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Troy & Dixie Dunlap (43)
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Michael & Cynthia Petrella (25)

**Financial Reports** *This looks a little different too, as we are not back to having weekly counters. I have put in the month to date figures and compared it to our 2021 budget. This gives a more accurate statement of where we stand in any case.*

Received April 30, 2021:	Year to Date	Offerings Budget
Offerings \$ 8,864.00	\$ 39,923.00	10,000mo.
Benevolence <u>303.00</u>	<u>1,074.00</u>	40,000 ytd
9,167.00	40,997.00	
Received May 31, 2021:	Year to Date	Offerings Budget
Offerings \$ 13,652.00	\$ 53,575.00	10,000mo.
Benevolence <u>626.00</u>	<u>1,700.00</u>	50,000 ytd
14,278.00	55,275.00	
Received June 30, 2021:	Year to Date	Offerings Budget
Offerings \$ 8,652.00	\$ 62,227.00	10,000mo.
Benevolence <u>523.00</u>	<u>1,920.00</u>	60,000 ytd
9,175.00	54,649.00	