

THE FORWARD

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
NEWARK, OHIO OCTOBER 15, 2019



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Now is the Time to Use Your Spiritual Gifts

In this issue of the Forward you will find our annual Time and Talent request. We rely on our members, not just for worship and offerings but for their Time and Talents to perform many tasks for our church and our ministry. Our volunteers do so many things around the church from cooking the soup to tightening loose nuts. Over the last several weeks we have been exploring our Spiritual Gifts. We hope you have enjoyed opening the boxes along with the children. Maybe you have surprised yourself and discovered a gift that you didn't know you had. Spiritual Gifts include:

Administration **Artistry**
Discernment **Evangelism**
Exhortation
Giving **Faith**
Intercession **Hospitality**
Leadership **Knowledge**
Music-Instrumental **Mercy**
Shepherding **Music-Vocal**
Skilled Crafts **Service**
Wisdom **Teaching**
Writing

Now is the chance to put those gifts to good use. If you are looking for ideas to use your gifts, look at the chart posted on the tree on the bulletin board identifying areas of need. We need all of our gifts to continue our work.

You can put your Time and Talent sheet in the garishly green box located in the walkway or send them to the office. If you need additional sheets, please pick one up at the back of the church, online or by calling the office. Please drop off your sheets by November 24th.

Submitted by Denise Crews Congregation Council

PRAYERS Our prayers are requested for the following people: *Jan Rengert, Davey Saylor, Matthew Rauch, Mike Daly, Marty Altmaier, Terri Beamer, Ruth White, Paul Baker, Mike Contoin, Ginny Baker, Stan Mozer, Bob Foster, Betsy Williams, Tricia Queen, Logan Johnson, Steve Sukara, & Jeff Kinser.*



Those with Long-Term Prayer Concerns: *Ginny Baker, Terrie Baker, Dawn Campbell, Fred Citrone, Ernest & Wanda Cooperider, Rose Godenschwager, Wilma Keller, Betty Neighbarger, Terry Nelson, Frances Slebodnik, Gretchen Treneff, Margaret Marx, Alice Smith.*
If you need an address for anyone or wish to add someone to the list, please call the office.

We wish to share our condolences to the Larson, Neighbarger, King and Fischer families as they mourn the deaths of Lois Matthies, Cliff Neighbarger, Col. Paul Orr and David Fischer.

THE WHEN'S AND THE WHERE'S

- **ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB** meets the third Monday evening of each month at 7 p.m.
- **MATTHEW'S KITCHEN** continues to meet the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Danford Hall.
- **GAME NIGHT – October 18th and November 15th** 7p.m. in Weisgerber Lounge. Bring your favorite board or card games or play someone else's favorite. Bring along a snack to share.
- **YOUTH NEWS** The November breakfast will be on the 10th after the service. Come hungry!
- **FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP** will be going to The Works/Skydome on November 20th. We will meet there at 10:45 a.m. The Skydome showing begins at 11:00 a.m. The tickets are \$10.00 (\$9.00 for Military, Teachers, AAA members and \$5.00 for COSI members). After exploring there's, we will have lunch at The Elements. Tickets will need to be paid for in advance for guaranteed seating. Also, the date for our Christmas party is December 18th. Be searching for your white elephant gift.
- **WELCA Thankoffering Service** Will be held in the chapel on ***Thursday, November 21st at 11 a.m.*** A light reception will follow. All women are invited to attend.

Notes to the Church and Congregation:

WE HAVE AN INTERIM PASTOR! Our thanks to Pastor John D. Stroup for once again agreeing to be our interim pastor until such time as Pastor Betsy can return. Pastor Stroup was our interim pastor between Pastor Rauch and Pastor Betsy. He is available for pastoral visits. Please contact the church office to schedule a visit. *Pastor Matthew VanWinkle will continue to lead the Saturday Services. Thank you, Pastor Matt!*

OKTOBERFEST WAS WUNDERBAR! Our third annual Oktoberfest was September 28th. We had a full Rathskelter for dinner and a lively Biergarten. The Markplatz hummed with various church group activities. Special thanks to Alex Crews, Alice Beamer, Diane Paetz, John Jordan, Matt Hummel and all our volunteers. Proceeds from the event benefit the Music Program, the Education Program, the Property Committee, the Youth Fund and New Beginnings along with other church programs.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MUSIC AND CAROLS ON DECEMBER 8TH. We are in the early stages of planning but if you would like to sing with the choir for this special event we will be starting work on pieces in November. We are also looking for instrumentalists and special music to perform before and during the program. See Matt Hummel or Michael Belt for more details.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY OF SAINTS All Saint's Day is November 2nd and 3rd and we continue our tradition of remembering those who have been baptized and those who have died during the last year. We don't want to miss anyone so please contact the office or church door secretary to make sure your loved ones names are included.

WOW WOW WOW! – Thanks to your generosity and the hard work of the youth, we were able to send **NINETY – YES, 9-0** School Kits to Lutheran World Relief! Our thanks to John & Gail Grangaard for delivering them, and WELCA for making a donation to cover shipping around the world.

THE USE OF THE SOUTH TRANSCPT. The Bell Choir has met with the property committee and they are going to use the south transcept on a trial basis. If the space works out, we will revisit how we wish to use the balcony area at that time. The Bell Choir is looking forward to having the ability to perform music with the Covenant Choir.

MITTEN TREE – WELCA will again sponsor the mitten tree in the walkway between the church and parish building. We will collect mittens gloves and hats for the Salvation Army. Look for the tree to be in November.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to experience the fellowship we offer by joining us for coffee/tea & occasional snack before or after the 9:30 a.m. Church Service in the lobby of the educational building each week.

WINTER IS COMING! And so is... **ADVENT!** Advent begins December 1st. Look ahead and plan to keep the season! This is a busy season, and events are currently in the works. Look in the bulletin announcements for other events happening during the season.

December 5th —Sights and Sounds of Christmas walk in downtown Newark. Gail Grangaard will have tickets, as well as the church office. St. Paul's Jubilate Ringers will be providing music at our stop. All proceeds from the walk benefit the Food Pantry.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received 08/11/2019:		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	\$ 2,456.00	\$124,041.07	Sat. 4 p.m. 22
Benevolence	<u>61.00</u>	<u>3,674.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>52</u>
Total	\$2,517.00	\$ 127,715.07	S.S. ?? Total 74

Received 08/18/2019:		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	\$ 1,563.00	\$125,604.07	Sat. 4 p.m. 20
Benevolence	<u>101.00</u>	<u>3,775.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>75</u>
Total	\$1,664.00	\$ 129,379.07	S.S. ?? Total 95

Received 08/25/2019:		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	\$ 3,396.04	\$129,000.11	Sat. 4 p.m. 14
Benevolence	<u>126.00</u>	<u>3,901.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>75</u>
Total	\$3,522.04	\$ 132,901.11	S.S. ?? Total 89

Received 09/01/2019:		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	\$ 2,505.00	\$131,505.11	Sat. 4 p.m. 16
Benevolence	<u>133.00</u>	<u>4,034.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>49</u>
Total	\$2,638.00	\$ 135,539.11	S.S. ?? Total 65

Financial Report Continued

Received 09/08/2019:		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	\$ 5,820.00	\$137,325.11	Sat. 4 p.m. 19
Benevolence	<u>49.00</u>	<u>4,083.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>78</u>
Total	\$5,869.00	\$ 141,408.11	S.S. ?? Total 97

Received 09/15/2019:		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	\$ 2,152.10	\$139,477.21	Sat. 4 p.m. ?
Benevolence	<u>130.00</u>	<u>4,213.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>64</u>
Total	\$2,282.10	\$ 143,690.21	S.S. ?? Total 64

Received 09/22/2019:		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	\$ 4,403.00	\$143,880.21	Sat. 4 p.m. 10
Benevolence	<u>507.00</u>	<u>4,720.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>76</u>
Total	\$4,910.00	\$ 148,600.21	S.S. ?? Total 86

Received 09/29/2019:		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	\$ 1,628.16	\$145,508.37	Sat. 4 p.m. 15
Benevolence	<u>20.00</u>	<u>4,740.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>60</u>
Total	\$1,648.16	\$ 150,248.37	S.S. ?? Total 75

Total Income for Operations as of September 30, 201	\$156,368.50
Total Operating Expenses as of September 30, 2019	<u>- 108,969.33</u>
<u>Balance</u>	\$ 47,399.17

WELCA NEWS

Ruth Circle – will meet Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. to discuss final arrangements for the Thankoffering service on November 21st.

Alice Circle – will meet Thursday November 21st and will attend the Thankoffering Service at 11 a.m.

WELCA'S NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE Saturday, December 7th at 11:30 a.m. at the Olive Garden in Heath. Hope to see you there!

LISTENING POST CORNER

Constitution Update The Constitutional Convention has met twice. As of this writing, we have reviewed the first nine chapters of the ELC model constitution or about the first half. Admittedly, these are the easiest sections since they meet our current constitution with only minor wording changes and are mandated by the ELCA. The next few sections will deal with church council, church officers

and congregational responsibilities. This review should generate a lot of discussion. Members are welcome to attend. Watch the bulletin board for meeting dates and more information.

Traditions Survey The full survey result is posted on the bulletin board, and people have asked what the number means. We asked to rank the traditions on a scale of 0-3 and the posted number represents the average of the responses. The closer the number is to 3, the more important the tradition was ranked.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LAMP CANDLES

October 27th – One vase is placed by John & Libby Warnock in memory of their grandson, ***Mitchell Warnock***. The second is given by Helen Foster in honor of her daughter, ***Kerrill Foster*** whose birthday is October 24th. She also gives the sanctuary lamp candle in honor of ***Matthew Hummel*** whose birthday is the 25th.

November 3rd – The flowers are given to ***The Glory of God*** by the members of Ruth Circle with the reminder that you are welcome to join them on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. **The candle is available.**

November 17th – The flowers are given by the Kolb family in memory of ***Chuck and Edie Kolb***. The candle is given by Starr Cummings in honor of her daughter ***Kerianne Cummings Cavin*** on her birthday.

UnAudited and UnApproved Council Minutes: Sept 30, 2019

Members present: Greta Blegvad, Alice Beamer, Denise Crews, Mark Finck, Jean Hovland, Mandy John, Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Al Miller, Pastor Stroup Excused: Anne Daly, Matt Hummel, Joe Miller, Jim Rengert, Betsy Williams

Call to Order: 7:00pm **Devotion:** No devotion, prayer

Congregational Concerns: Fred Freytag gave an update on the 2020 Mecklenburg visit.

Review of Aug. 26, 2019 minutes: Corrections to be made.

*Motion to accept the minutes- Al Miller, Seconded-Charlie Laidlaw-Smith. Motion Approved

Committee Reports:

*Motion to accept the reports-Jean Hovland, Seconded-Alice Beamer. Motion Approved

- **Congregational Care:** Submitted written report attached **Education: No Report Evangelism: No Report Four Church Farm:** Submitted written report attached **Mutual Ministry:** Pastor Betsy was hoping to start the committee again, but her health issues have pushed it back. Hoping to have more information by October 10th **Property:** Submitted written report attached **Rental Property:** All properties paid up. Octobers rents are coming in. The property at 105 had the carpet replaced on the ground floor and up the steps. A contractor was contacted about fixing the issues at 349, including the drop ceiling. **Technology/Website:** No Report **WELCA:** Decided not to have a baked steak dinner, but the info was sent to the choir in case they wanted to do something with it. They have taken care of the cookies for the Sights and Sounds of Christmas on the first Thursday in December. The next meeting will be on the first Saturday in December at 11:30 at the Olive Garden **Worship:** Haven't met recently, but planned through Advent **Youth Ministry:**

Youth are not doing a breakfast in October and a reception for Micheal will be held that Sunday after church instead. Mandy would like to look at doing activities for the youth outside of church.

Treasurer's Report:

*Motion to assign an audit committee to review the report and make recommendations, approve the non-audit audit, and to accept the proposal of an annual cursory audit for 2020 and succeeding years until a new treasurer is appointed-Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Seconded- Alice Beamer. Motion Approved

Pastor's Report: No Report. Discussion of pastoral duties to be fulfilled by Pastor John Stroup found under New Business

Old Business:

- Mecklenburg 2020(10 confirmed, 6 unconfirmed)- Fred Freytag said the group is looking at June 20-28 but there could possibly be changes to those. Host families are needed for those that are coming. They would need to provide breakfast, possibly a dinner or 2 depending on the schedule and transportation to the meeting location for that day. The group has expressed interest in Amish Country, Hocking Hills, and a tour at a Native American mound site. Money will be budgeted for the trip and details will be discussed at the budget meeting
- Bell Choir is moving to the south transept for the 2019-2020 music season(Aug-May). Once the season is over they will decide if they will remain down in that space or move everything back up to the balcony space.

*Motion to move the bell choir until May of 2020-Denise Crews, Seconded-Al Miller

New Business:

- Tasks required of Pastor John Stroup/Pastor Matt VanWinkle were discussed. Pastor Stroup has agreed to the following pastoral duties: Sunday services, Activities and services during the christmas season(ie Christmas Eve service, Magnificat), sit in on Worship Committee meetings, fulfilling shut in visits and calls to the sick, performing funerals/baptisms/weddings, any emergency pastoral care. A full list of shut-ins will be provided for him. Matt Vanwinkle has agreed to continue with the Saturday services and it will be asked if he can be there for the early Christmas Eve service.

*Motion to keep paying Pastor Stroup \$175 for standard Sunday services plus an hourly rate of \$25 for specified duties plus mileage-Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Seconded-Greta Blegvad. Motion Approved

*Motion to keep Matt VanWinkle as Pastor for the Saturday services-Jean Hovland, Seconded-Greta Blegvad. Motion Approved

- Topics to be covered during the Congregational Meeting on October 5th/6th-Budget, Constitution, Bell Choir move, Time/Talent Sheets
- 2020 Church Council is just around the corner. Biographies for new members will go in the November forward.
- Thrive Campaign-Tabled to council's october meeting

Roundtable:

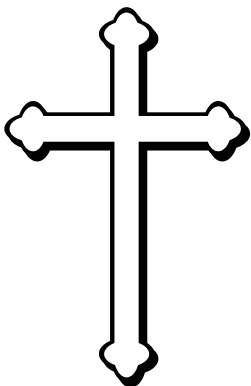
Greta- Lois Mathey's mother passed away on the 23rd and the funeral is on October 19th in Albert Lee, Minnesota. Oktoberfest committee did a wonderful job! She wanted to say thank you! Charlie-Thank you to the Oktoberfest committee! Jean- Encouraged people and council members to participate in the Thrive meeting. Denise-Asked if we were going to participate in the Advent Dinners. The answer was no. Carolyn King was looking to see if the nativity that was gifted to the church could be put in a more visible space. Council liked the idea of having the Sunday school classes set it up in the hallway.**Closing prayer:** The meeting was concluded by reciting the Lord's Prayer

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SCHEDULE**
Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m.
Sunday School for all
ages 11:00 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."*