

# THE FORWARD

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
NEWARK, OHIO NOVEMBER 19, 2019  
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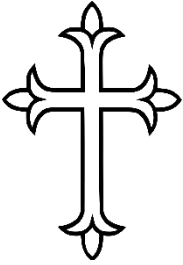
## Ends and Beginnings

Well, here we are at the end of the church year. On November 24<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the Festival of Christ the King. That means that the beginning is right around the corner as well! We Lutherans are Advent people – always hopefully waiting for the Christ Child. Inside this Forward are lots of items that have to do with the beginning of things – the 2020 budget, biographies for those running for seats on the Congregation Council, Stewardship forms, poinsettia order forms, and all sorts of information that has to do with our lives as a church family. As always, there are lots of events coming our way. We need many volunteers to make the season a success. Please join me in participating in as many as you can! *Kerrill Foster, Financial Secretary*

**Lighting the Advent Wreath** at the Sunday Services: We need volunteer singles, couples or families to volunteer to come forward and light the Advent wreath on the following Sundays – December 1<sup>st</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**The Christmas Pageant** - Anyone (of any age) who is interested in being part of the Christmas Pageant, please speak to Juli Rauch ([jrauch248@gmail.com](mailto:jrauch248@gmail.com) or 740-405-8833). Singers, non-singers, speakers, non-speakers, costume-wearers, non-costume-wearers, stage crew, backstage crew -- all are needed and welcome to participate. The performance will be December 22<sup>nd</sup> during the service and we will have Saturday morning rehearsals on December 14<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 to noon.

**The Christmas Eve Services Volunteers 3 p.m.** Ushers (4) Lector (1) Communion Assistants (3) Bell Ringer (1) **10: 30 p.m.** Ushers (4) Lector (1) Communion Assistants (4) Bell Ringer (1) Light Luminaries (2) Greeters (2) Signup sheets are available with the church door secretary each week, or if you can help, please call the office.



**PRAYERS** Our prayers are requested for the following people: *Mary Beamer, 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.*

**Notes to the Church and Congregation:**

**ON DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 15<sup>TH</sup> THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATION MEETING AFTER EACH SERVICE TO VOTE ON THE 2020 BUDGET AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!**

**REMEMBERING BOB WATSON** On October 30, 2019 Emily and Greta Blegvad delivered the military uniform of Bob Watson to the Holocaust and Humanity Center in Cincinnati, where it was graciously accepted into their collection. Bob was a World War II veteran of the United States Army who fought and was injured at the Battle of the Bulge. He also was part of the 26th Infantry "Yankee Division" who helped liberate the Gusen concentration camp in Austria. Special thanks to Emily for coordinating this contribution to the Holocaust and Humanity Center. They will email her when Bob's uniform is on display and she will certainly let the congregation know. As an educator in American History, we know that Bob would be so proud to have his uniform on display to help educate others about this terrible time in history so that we may never forget. This Veteran's Day we honor you and say a special thank you, Bob, for your service!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MUSIC AND CAROLS ON DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> at 4 p.m.** 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.

**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 and is in the office for a few hours on Wednesdays. Please contact the church office to schedule a visit. *Pastor Matthew VanWinkle will continue to lead the Saturday Services. Thank you, Pastor Matt!*

**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.

**DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> —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.

**MITTEN TREE TIME!** The Mitten Tree is in the walkway between the church and parish building. We will once again be collecting children's mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to be distributed by the Salvation Army at Christmastime.

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS** – In the office we are working on updating our church directory. The list of the information currently on file will be in a binder between the church and parish building for you to edit. Please check your information and make sure we have up to date information. We hope to produce a new directory around Christmas. Thanks! *Kerrill Foster & Greta Blegvad*

***Due to the lack of volunteer support during the 2019 summer program, there will be no youth summer program (Vacation Bible School) in 2020. If you are interested in leading this program, please contact Mandy John no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>.***

**BIG CONGREGATION MEETINGS!!!** The weekend of December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will be a meeting to discuss the budget. The annual congregation meeting to approve the 2020 budget and elect new council members will be held the following week on December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

**2020 CALENDARS ON SALE!** This year the calendars are \$7 and once again all proceeds from the sale will benefit the Youth Ministry.

**WELCA NEWS Ruth Circle** – will meet Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. on December 11<sup>th</sup> **Alice Circle** – will meet Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>. **WELCA'S NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the Olive Garden in Heath. Hope to see you there!**

**Proposed Budget for 2020** - This year's proposed budget is in bold, compared to 2019:

<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>Approved 2019 Budget</b>	<b>2020 Proposed Budget</b>
Pastoral Care	\$119,882	<b>\$122,179</b>
Support Staff	55,600	<b>51,600</b>
Care of the Facilities	31,500	<b>35,000</b>
Church Administration	9,050	<b>9,050</b>
Worship & Music	1,200	<b>1,200</b>
Outreach to Others	2,100	<b>3,100</b>
Teaching the Word	<u>4,700</u>	<b>4,700</b>
<b>Mecklenburg Visit</b>		<b><u>5,000</u></b>
Budget Totals	\$ 224,039	<b>\$ 230,829</b>

**Anticipated Income:**

Estimate of Income	\$196,860.00
Anticipated Deficit	<b>(\$33,969)</b>

**Nominees for the 2020 Congregation Council:** The council has 12 members and members are elected on a rotating basis. For this election there are **three** open places for men and **two** open places for women. Below are brief biographies of the nominees.

**Anne Daly (second term)** Anne has been a member of St. Paul's for 41 years. She currently serves on church council, the Constitution committee, and the Mecklenburg committee. She has traveled twice with church groups to Mecklenburg to visit our sister church, St. Bartholomew, and has hosted their members when they've visited St. Paul's. Anne also participates in the book group and Matthew's Kitchen small groups, serves as lector and communion assistant, and sings in the Covenant choir.

**Greta Blegvad (second term)** has been a member of St. Paul's since 2000, along with her husband, Jens, and daughter, Emily. Greta celebrates her 30th anniversary this year as a funeral director in Licking County and is employed with Criss Wagner Hoskinson Funeral Home in Newark. Greta has served one term on Council, is the webmaster of St. Paul's website, and serves on the Mutual Ministry committee. She has been active as a communion assistant, greeter and lector.

**Also running – no bios at print time – Ella Young, Ryleigh Jones.**

**Charlie Laidlaw-Smith (second term)** He and his wife Hydi, and daughters Ainsley and Addison, have been members since 2014. Charlie teaches Sunday School and is an usher. He and his family moved to this area from Seoul, South Korea in 2008. My wife was serving for the US Army there and both our daughters were born in Korea. I was born in the south-west of England and moved to America in 1994, when Hydi and I got married. I look forward to serving for the congregation on the board, thank you for your consideration.

## **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 – December 20<sup>th</sup>** 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 December breakfast will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> after the service in conjunction with the congregation meeting. Come hungry!
- **FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP** the date for our Christmas party is December 18<sup>th</sup> at noon in Danford Hall. Be searching for your white elephant gift.
- **80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR RUSS HOVLAND** Cheryl, Kristen, Carey and Jana are planning an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party for their dad, Russ Hovland at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are extending an invitation to all those that would like to celebrate with Russ. ***Please come join us in Danford Hall on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 a.m. NO gifts please!***

Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

At this time of year, it has been our custom here at St. Paul's to offer our congregation the opportunity to give a monetary Christmas gift to the members of our church staff including our Pastor, Choir Director, Organist, Secretary, Financial Secretary and Janitor. If you are interested in participating this year, please make your check out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and mail it to the church office to the attention of the Treasurer. Please indicate how you wish for your gift to be distributed.

The gift will be presented at the Christmas Eve services. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 360-551-5046, or e-mail me at [mandydjb@aol.com](mailto:mandydjb@aol.com). Thank you for your time and have a blessed Advent and Christmas!

Yours in Christ,  
Amanda John, Congregation Council President

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***Time to Order Poinsettias for the Christmas Eve Service!***



***Order Form:*** *On Christmas Eve the altar will be surrounded by a wonderful array of poinsettia plants. This year the poinsettias cost \$10.00 each. To donate one or more plants, fill in the form below and place in the offering or send it to the church office.*

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

No. Of Plants \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Or in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Or to the Glory of God \_\_\_\_\_

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**2020 ESTIMATE OF GIVING** - Below you will find a detachable "Estimate of Giving" for 2020 for use by your family or by you as an individual. Please fill it out, cut along the dotted line, and deposit it in the offering plate in church, or mail it to the church office at 67 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Newark, Ohio, 43055.

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**2020 ESTIMATE OF GIVING FORM:** I want to help support the ministry of my congregation, and I estimate that during the next year I will give to my church:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ per week, or \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month, or \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year to be divided as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ for Current Fund      \_\_\_\_\_ for Synod Giving

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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### **ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LAMP CANDLES**

**November 24<sup>th</sup> – The flowers and candles are available.**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> – The flowers are available.** The candle is given by Greg and Kim Everingham in honor of their grandson, ***Gabriel Pence*** whose 15<sup>th</sup> birthday is on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**December 8<sup>th</sup> –** One vase of flowers is given by Dave and Miriam Truex in honor of Miriam's father, ***Robert Pflueger*** whose 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday is December 9<sup>th</sup>. **The second vase is available. The candle is available.**

**December 15<sup>th</sup> the flowers and candle are available.**

**December 22<sup>nd</sup> –** One vase of flowers is given by Marti Kolb Conner to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas! **The second vase is available.** The candle is given by Starr Cummings in honor of her daughter, ***Mary Cummings Kosman*** whose birthday is December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**December 29<sup>th</sup> - The flowers and candles are available.**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Received 10/06/2019:		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 3,171.00	\$148,679.37	Sat. 4 p.m.	20
Benevolence	<u>206.00</u>	<u>4,946.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m.	<u>58</u>
Total	\$3,377.00	\$ 153,625.37	S.S. <u>20</u> Total	<u>78</u>

Received 10/13/2019:		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 4,711.00	\$153,390.37	Sat. 4 p.m.	20
Benevolence	<u>136.00</u>	<u>5,082.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m.	<u>62</u>
Total	\$4,847.00	\$ 158,472.37	S.S. <u>??</u> Total	<u>82</u>

Received 10/20/2019:		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 2,180.00	\$155,570.37	Sat. 4 p.m.	18
Benevolence	<u>101.00</u>	<u>5,183.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m.	<u>54</u>
Total	\$2,281.00	\$ 160,753.37	S.S. <u>??</u> Total	<u>72</u>

Received 10/27/2019:		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 3,177.00	\$158,687.37	Sat. 4 p.m.	14
Benevolence	<u>41.00</u>	<u>5,224.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m.	<u>76</u>
Total	\$3,158.00	\$ 163,911.37	S.S. <u>??</u> Total	<u>90</u>

Received 11/03/2019:		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 5,471.00	\$164,158.37	Sat. 4 p.m.	21
Benevolence	<u>184.00</u>	<u>5,408.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m.	<u>73</u>
Total	\$5,655.00	\$ 169,566.37	S.S. <u>??</u> Total	<u>94</u>

*Thank you Thrivent Members for directing your money to St. Paul's! A Donation was made to the Flower Fund by Carole Carter in memory of her parents, **Millie and Luther Hanshue.***

Total Income for Operations as of October 31, 2019	\$170,723.41
Total Operating Expenses as of October 31, 2019	<u>- 118,116.14</u>
<b><u>Balance</u></b>	<b>\$ 52,607.27</b>



## **Un-Audited and Un-Approved Council Minutes: October 28, 2019**

**Members Present:** Greta Blegvad, Alice Beamer, Denise Crews, Anne Daly, Matt Hummel, Mandy John, Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Al Miller, Jim Rengert, Pastor Stroup

**Excused:** Mark Finck, Jean Hovland, Joe McDaniel, Betsy Williams

**Also Present:** Dick Shiels

**Call to Order: 7:00**

**Devotion:** No devotion due to technical difficulties

**Congregational Concern:** No congregation members present

-It was asked if it was possible for the choir to all go up and take communion at once. We believe it's intended to have the choir wrap around the entire rail as opposed to one side so as to make the "flow" of the communion giving easier. Those who wait and take communion with their families are free to do so. This was more for the group that goes up all at once.

## **Review of Meeting Minutes from 30 September 2019**

\*Motion to approve updated minutes-Matt Hummel, Seconded: Charlie Laidlaw-Smith. Motion approved

## **Committee Reports:**

\*Motion to accept the committee reports-Anne Daly, Seconded: Greta Blegvad. Motion approved

- **Congregational Care:** Submitted written report attached
- **Education: No Report**
- **Evangelism: No Report**
- **Four Church Farm:** The farm was closed down a week ago due to rain. everything is in good shape. The next meeting is November at Christ Lutheran and then meeting will be skipped for December and January.
- **Mutual Ministry:** A meeting was scheduled to happen but due to illnesses of some of the members and the preventative passing of anything to Pastor Betsy, they are looking to find a day in the next few weeks to meet.
- **Property:** Submitted written report attached
- **Rental Property:** Estimates for replacing the gutters and downspouts at 349 Hudson have been received. The price is about \$700. 105 Locust had a vanity that was installed by a young man recommended to the committee by Dick Daly. He did a wonderful job! A project at 28th St. to put in a half bath was completed by the contractor this week. All rents are paid up
- **Technology/Website: No Report**
- **WELCA: No Report**
- **Worship:** A lessons and carols event will happen in Dec. This gives some more christmas activities without messing with the advent calendar. Kathy Jordan reached

out to Michael about long range planning and to give some direction heading into the busy Christmas season.

- **Youth Ministry:** A youth breakfast will occur the 2nd Sunday in November.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

\*Motion to accept the Treasurer's report-Alice Beamer, Seconded: Al Miller. Motion approved

\*Motion of request to present proposed budget to the congregation-Matt Hummel, Seconded: Anne Daly. Motion approved

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Stroup inquired about the process for new members. According to our constitution, new members have to be voted on by council. It was motioned and approved to accept Gene and Julie Lamp into our congregation. WELCOME! They will be taken into membership on November 17th. Pastor Stroup will be meeting with them this Sunday. There is also a request for a baptism on the first Sunday in Advent(December 1st).

\*Motion to accept Gene and Julie lamp into our congregation- Matt Hummel, Seconded: Alice Beamer. Motion approved

\*Motion to accept the Pastor's report-Denise Crews, Seconded: Anne Daly. Motion approved.

### **Old Business**

- Mecklenburg 2020 (10 confirmed 6 unconfirmed):
  - Housing is still being looked for. The next meeting is on November 14th
- Bell Choir move to the south transept:
  - The bells have officially moved down to their new location and are in the process of working to make the space functional. This involves setting up proper lighting and placement of the tables.
  - 2020 Church Council:
    - There are 3 spots on the council(2 men, 1 woman) that are we are looking to fill at the end of the 2019 term. A small committee has been selected to talk with potential members. Commitments are needed by the end of the month of Nov. and Kerrill will need bios for the forward by Nov. 8th *corrected information is earlier in the forward.*

### **New Business**

- A staff gift letter will be going out with the next forward
- Thank our volunteer lunch (soup and salad)—sponsored by church council possibly on 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in Nov.

- Alice Beamer and Denise Crews agreed to co-chair the even on Nov. 17th and a notice will go into the forward
- TRECA Digital Academy use of Danford Hall December 2-6 and 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> (4 hours each day):
- It was voted that the digital academy could use the space again as long as the same criteria are followed as last year.
- LOMO Daycamp
- Due to the lack of volunteers from our congregations it was decided that we would not participate in the LOMO Day Camp for the 2020 summer.
- Homeless Think Tank grp wants to use Danford Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month 1130-1400 (<40 people)
- It was discussed and suggested that an alternative day and time be found. This will be revisited at a later time

### **Roundtable:**

Denise-the next meeting for the constitution updates will be Nov 12th. The final product should be ready by July and will be sent out in a bulk mailing Kerrill-A calendar will be going out in the forward that covers from Christ the King through Advent. She is also looking for crucifers and volunteers for the service Pastor Stroup-An update on Pastor Betsy; she is due to have the surgery on her throat but it requires her to be off the current medications. So it will be 4-6 weeks until the surgery can happen.,

### **Closing Prayer**

### **Dates to Remember**

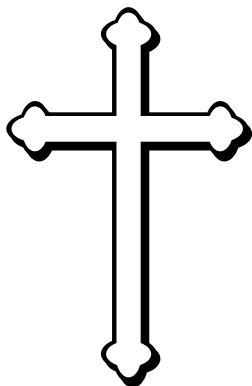
- Nov 8: Deadline to get bios of Council members and potential members to Kerrill
- Nov 10: Youth Breakfast
- Nov 12: Constitution meeting
- Nov 14: Mecklenburg 2020 meeting
- Nov 17: New Congregation members Volunteer Thank You Luncheon

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**SUNDAY  
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.**"*