

**THE FORWARD**  
THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**NEWARK, OHIO FEBRUARY 18, 2020**  
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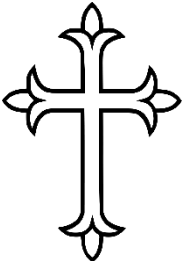
**THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH TIME**



With 52 weeks and 365 days in a year (ok 366 days this year) there is a limit to the number of meetings and events we can schedule before we start running into each other. Like a busy family we need a central calendar to keep us organized. The church does have a master calendar in the office and we see monthly activities in the Forward and weekly activities in the bulletin. But we don't have a common annual calendar that lets us do long-term scheduling so that the Congregational Meeting does not fall on Easter or the Evangelism and the Constitution Committee don't get scheduled on the same evening. (Thanks for letting us co-op you, your input was helpful!).

So, this month we are introducing the annual calendar. Located on the lobby bulletin board next to the Chapel, this rotating calendar will let us all see and schedule our activities. In addition to the calendar you will find a form to easily transfer information to our communications people. Just fill out the information and mark if you would like it announced in the bulletin, the Forward, Facebook, posted on the bulletin board or on the webpage. Just another way to improve communications and spreading news.

*Denise Crews, Evangelism Committee*



**PRAYERS** Our prayers are requested for the following people: *Marshall Rosene, Christina Holloway, Ruth Swinehart, Dawn Campbell, Mary Beamer, Jan Rengert, Davey Saylor, Matthew Rauch, Marty Altmaier, Terri Beamer, Ruth White, Paul Baker, Mike Contoin, Ginny Baker, Stan Mozer, Betsy Williams, Tricia Queen, & Logan Johnson.*

**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.***

*Our condolences to the Freytag and Wagenheim families on the death of Richard Wagenheim, and to the Saylor family on the death of Richard Saylor.*

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

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 23.** This festival marks the end of the Time After Epiphany and the lead up to Ash Wednesday and Lent. The children will be saying farewell to Alleluia, we will burn our Palm Sunday palms to make ashes after the service on Sunday. *Please bring your palm fronds from last year's Palm Sunday Celebration.* Worship will be at 9:30 am and breakfast at 11 am.

**SHROVE SUNDAY** – After the Burning of the Palms on Transfiguration, the Youth and Worship committees invite you to a special Shrove Sunday breakfast. The menu will include pancakes with an assortment of toppings provided by WELCA. Come and enjoy breakfast with us before our Lenten fast begins!

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** will be February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE CHANGES:** Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the children's choir will meet from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Potluck will follow from 6:30 to 7:15p.m. Covenant Choir will practice after the Evening Prayer Service.

**BRING YOUR OWN SOUP.** This year our Wednesday night supper will be a potluck due to the difficulty in finding soup makers. Dinner will start at 6:30 pm followed by the Lenten Service at 7:15 pm. Come share those favorite dishes you only make for potlucks. Remember to bring your own place settings to reduce after dinner cleanup. **Wednesday Potlucks will begin March 4.**

**WE ARE PLANNING AHEAD.** We are looking for people interested in giving a ten-minute homily during the Wednesday Lenten Services. We hope to have Pastor Betsy back with us by Ash Wednesday but to ease the transition and cover our bases, we would like to have lay speakers for the Wednesday services. Our theme is *The Road to Jerusalem* and we are finalizing the study material. If you are interested let the office know by February 26th.

**FIRST COMMUNION TRAINING** is underway. Children should be at least eight years old. Please see Terri Beamer if you have a child who is interested or call and leave a message in the church office for her.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE SPRING CLEANING DAY.** We will be having the annual spring cleaning of the church and chapel on March 21 at 1 pm. This is in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We will be washing down the pews and woodwork, cleaning glass, mopping the floor and more. Please bring gloves, buckets and sponges if you can. Many hands make light work so the more people we have the easier the task. If you have questions, please see Matt Hummel.

**THE NEXT CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE** will be Tuesday February 18 at 7 p.m. in Danford Hall. We are four chapters into the bylaws and had a lively and productive discussion about organization at the last meeting. All are welcome.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR DELEGATES** to the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly on May 16, 2020. This year the assembly will be held at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Centerville Ohio. We will be electing two representatives and two alternates at the Congregational Meeting in April. If you are interested, please talk to Jean Hovland or call the office.

**OUR NEXT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be April 6 and 7 in conjunction with the worship services. In addition to the financial update, we will elect delegates to the Synod Assembly and provide a progress report on the various activities going on in the church.

**THE LOBBY RENOVATION GROUP HAS STARTED.** Our goal is to update the lobby to become a welcoming and multi-functional space for the congregation. Our small group has started planning and we will be looking for volunteers in the near future to provide some much needed and affordable muscle to save costs. A Lobby Refurnishing Fund has been started and donations are welcome. Our goal is to have the lobby painted by Easter and major work completed by the end of June to welcome our German guests. For more information, talk to Matt Hummel.

**WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR PASTOR BETSY** to come back to start small group meetings on the Mission Development Project. Look for signup sheets to be out in the middle of March.

**IT'S WINTER WEATHER SEASON.** Remember if there is a level 2 snow emergency in Licking County we will not have services or activities. We love you all and want to keep you safe.

## **WELCA NEWS**

**Welca Meeting** will be March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**Ruth Circle** – will meet Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Florence

**Knerr's Alice Circle** – will meet Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in Weisgerber Lounge.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOCK & UNDERWEAR TREE** – We will be collecting socks and underwear this year to benefit the youth of our community. The socks will once again be sent to the YES club, and the underwear to local elementary schools.

**ANNUAL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE:** It is time to begin thinking about those things you've been meaning to get rid of. Your donations will provide funds for church receptions, funeral luncheons and WELCA functions. We welcome household goods, toys, books, clothing and most anything in useable condition. Items may be left on the stage in Danford Hall after Easter. Our tentative dates are April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **THE WHEN'S AND THE WHERE'S**

- **THRIVENT PRESENTATION ACTION GRANTS** – Sharon Phelps will hold a brief meeting on Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> after the service about Thrivent and how to apply for Action Grants. Thrivent members can apply for two \$250 grants

each year to help with mission projects in the church and community. Please make plans to come to this informational event.

- **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 – March 20<sup>th</sup>** at 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 - Shrove Sunday!!!** On Transfiguration Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Youth will host a Shrove Sunday Breakfast featuring pancakes and other assorted goodies right after the Sunday morning service. This will take the place of the youth breakfast usually held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. Cost is a free-will offering. Sunday School will happen after the breakfast. Come hungry!
- **FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP** will be meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The tentative plan is to attend the Senior Expo at C-Tec. Stay tuned for further details!
- **MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>** – Potato bake 11-2 to benefit Vertical 196 Shelter. Mark your calendars!
- **APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>** – **The Coshocton Community Choir** will perform in our sanctuary that evening – time to be determined. Mark your calendars!

**A MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT MANDY JOHN:** Thank you for your assistance and support during the past two years as I served as your Church Council President. I appreciate all you do! On January 27<sup>th</sup> we elected our 2020 Church Council Officers. The new officers are as follows: *President – Jean Hovland, Vice-President – Greta Blegvad, Secretary – Alice Beamer, Treasurer – Mark Finck, Asst. Treasurer – Joe McDaniel, Financial Secretary – Kerrill Foster.* Please congratulate our 2020 church officers and help them fulfill their duties.

## **RESULTS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

1. The 2019 Annual Report was accepted unanimously.
2. The motion to allow the Church Council to make decisions regarding the sale/donation/disposal or other disposition of personal church property on items up to \$2500 was passed.

**ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LAMP CANDLES - Please remember to also fill out a yellow sheet and turn that into the office.**

**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>** – One vase is given by Richard and Louise Shiels in memory of Louise's father, Frank Verhoek. The second vase is given by Carol Mumaw in memory of her husband, John Mumaw. The candle is available.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** – The flowers and candle are available.

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** – One vase of flowers is given by Shirley Campbell in honor of her daughter, Laura Triplett on the occasion of her birthday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. The remaining vase and candle are available.

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** – One vase of flowers is given by Dick and Louise Shiels in memory of Frank and Cordie Verhoek on the occasion of their anniversary, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The remaining vase and candle are available.

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – One vase of flowers is given by Gene & Linda Crawmer on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, March 21<sup>st</sup>. The remaining vase and candle are available.

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** - The flowers and candle are available.



**Easter Flower Ordering Time!** We will be ordering an assortment of **Chrysanthemums** to adorn the altar on Easter Sunday. The plants will still cost **\$10.00** each. The form below can be filled out and either put in the offering plate at worship or mailed to the church office (67 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Newark, Ohio 43055)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ *I want to place an Easter flower for the following reason:*

**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**To the Glory of God** \_\_\_\_\_

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Received 01/05/2020:	Year to Date	Attendance
Current      \$ 2,886.00	\$ 2,886.00	Sat. 4 p.m.    17
Benevolence <u>123.00</u>	<u>123.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>?</u>
Total            \$3,009.00	\$ 3,009.00	S.S. ?? Total ?

Received 01/12/2020:	Year to Date	Attendance
Current      \$ 2,617.00	\$5,503.00	Sat. 4 p.m.    16
Benevolence <u>21.00</u>	<u>144.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>69</u>
Total            \$2,638.00	\$ 5,647.00	S.S. ?? Total 85

Received 01/19/2020:	Year to Date	Attendance
Current      \$ 3,172.00	\$8,675.00	Sat. 4 p.m.    26
Benevolence <u>154.00</u>	<u>298.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>58</u>
Total            \$3,326.00	\$ 8,973.00	S.S. ?? Total 84

Received 01/26/2020:	Year to Date	Attendance
Current      \$ 4,221.00	\$12,896.00	Sat. 4 p.m.    21
Benevolence <u>31.00</u>	<u>329.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>75</u>
Total            \$4,252.00	\$ 13,225.00	S.S. ?? Total 96

Received 02/02/2020:	Year to Date	Attendance
Current      \$ 3,998.00	\$16,894.00	Sat. 4 p.m.    31
Benevolence <u>148.00</u>	<u>477.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>74</u>
Total            \$4,146.00	\$ 17,371.00	S.S. ?? Total 105

*Thank you Thrivent Members for directing your money to St. Paul's! The following people made contributions to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Richard Wagenheim**: Diane Ganz, Ron & Linda Mai, Kim Dershem, Judy Seabright, and Richard & Terri Fouke.*

Total Income for Operations as of January 31, 2020	\$14,745.71
Total Operating Expenses as January 31, 2020	<u>- 9,420.98</u>
<b><u>Balance</u></b>	<b>\$ 5,324.73</b>

## **Un-Edited and Un-Approved Council Minutes: January 27, 2020**

**Attendance:** Greta Blegvad, Alice Beamer, Denise Crews, Anne Daly, Kerrill Foster  
Jean Hovland, Mandy John, Tim Jordan, Richard Koch, Joe McDaniel, Al Miller, Jim  
Rengert, Betsy Williams      **Unexcused:** Charlie Laidlaw-Smith

**Call to Order:** 7:00pm

**Devotion:** Joshua:1

**Congregational Concerns:** Sally Fink came to council to ask if they wished to be a part of her project. She has bought all the supplies and wishes to create bags to hand out to children within the community. Council encouraged contacting Explore Licking County to set up a spot at the Market District for the farmers market season and Final Fridays.

**2020 Council Officers:** President-Jean Hovland, Vice President- Greta Blegvad,  
Secretary-Alice Beamer, Treasurer-Mark Finck, Assistant Treasurer-Joe McDaniel,  
Financial Secretary-Kerrill Foster

### **Review of Meeting Minutes from 30 December 2019:**

\*Motion to approve minutes as corrected: Joe McDaniel, Seconded: Mandy John. Motion Approved

### **Committee Reports**

- **Congregational Care:** Gail and Debbie made visits to all shut-ins; delivered poinsettias and “Word in Season” booklets
- **Education:** Adult Sunday school is meeting Thurs Jan 30th
- **Evangelism:No Report**
- **Four Church Farms:No Report**
- **Mutual Ministry:** Met Jan 20th
- **Property:No Report**
- **Rental Property:** The committee met Jan 15th. All rents will be paid up by Feb 3rd. The service agreement with DorMar will continue through 2020. Work will begin on 349 Hudson to replace a damaged ceiling and gutters.
- **Technology/website: No Report**
- **WELCA:**

- **Worship:** Met Jan 26th, preparing for lent and the pulpit transition, Pastor Betsy brought ideas for review.
- **Youth Ministry:** Not doing a breakfast on the 9th, but will do a Last Fling pancake breakfast on Feb 23rd

\*Motion to approve reports: Tim Jordan, Seconded: Matt Hummel. Motion Approved

### **Treasurer's Report**

\*Motion to approve report: Denise Crews, Seconded: Mandy John. Motion Approved

**Pastors Report:** During the month of December, the interim pastor visited and made calls to all shut-ins and 1 hospitalized member. The worship service was lead each Sunday and included the afternoon and Candlelight Service on Dec 24th. Communion was given to the shut-ins

### **Old Business**

-Mecklenburg 2020(19 Confirmed) and working on activity planning

-Thrive! How do we want to present this to the congregation? Next quarterly meeting??Next council training Feb 18th in Dayton 7-9pm

- Materials are online and a document discussing it has been printed out and put on the freebee table for people to look at

### **New Business**

-Michael Belt is hosting the Coshocton Community Choir at St. Paul's April 19th, 2020

- Council would like more information by the 2nd week of Feb. But there was a positive reception.

\*Motion to host the Coshocton Community Choir: Richard Koch, Seconded: Mandy. 1 abstain. Motion Approved

-LC Center for Visual Impairments would like to post signs

- Council would like more information on what kind of signs, size, placement, etc.

### **Roundtable/Closing Prayer**

**Pastor Stroup-** Greatly appreciated the gift he received at Christmas and has enjoyed his time with the St. Paul congregation.

**Greta**-Richard and Noreen Saylor's ashes were buried in Eastlawn Cemetery in Marietta with military honors. She was also contacted by Tom Mackey about participants for a Ruth Watson Memorial CropWalk team.

**Jean**- Appreciated Mandy's role as president for the last 2 years and hopes to live up to expectations

**Denise**-Lobby project was discussed and the process has begun to put together some funding, \$250 was raised during Oktoberfest and the proceeds from the 1920's Valentines dance will contribute. The hope is that it's at least painted by Easter, and have a majority done by the time the Germany group comes in June. The City of Newark agreed to our counter proposal of \$9722 for the land sale

**Mandy**-Would like to say thank you for everything during her time as President

### **The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer**

#### **Dates to Remember:**

Feb 7-Forward cutoff

Feb 18-Thrive! Council Training in Dayton, 7-9 pm

-Forward

Feb 23-Pancake Fling

April 4/5-Quarterly Congregational Meeting

April 19-Coshocton Community Choir performance

## **TENTATIVE HOLY WEEK/ EASTER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Palm Sunday & the Sunday of the Passion** will be celebrated both at the 4:00 pm. Service on Saturday, April 4th, and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Holy Week** – There will be **NO** noontime services.

**April 9<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday** – Our parish service will begin at 7:15 p.m. Communion assistants and a lector are needed.

**April 10<sup>th</sup> Good Friday - The Tre Ora** (traditional three-hour Good Friday service) will be held at St. Paul's from noon to 3:00 p.m.

**Our Own Parish Good Friday Service** will be on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.

### **Easter Weekend – Easter Festival Celebrations**

**Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. in the Church**

**Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> – Easter Vigil in Chapel at ?**

**Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 a.m. at the Four Church Farm**

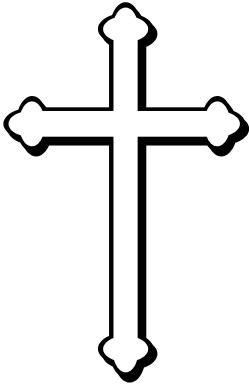
**Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. in the Church**

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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.**"*