

THE FORWARD

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
NEWARK, OHIO APRIL 16, 2019



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May We Talk? This month we begin to tackle the first Listening Post theme, Communications. The report identified a number of issues related to the way we provide information to the congregation and the vacuum that exists when we don't.

Communication or the lack thereof then folds into the other themes that the congregations faces. It is a basic instinct to communicate. After we draw our first breath, our cry becomes our first communication to the world. So if communication is so basic, why is it so hard? Communicating takes effort and requires us to interact with others. It is a two way process-I tell you something and you process the information and respond. We have to use the information we receive. So when we don't make the effort to share information we enter into a cycle of lack of knowledge and the rise of rumor and disinformation.

We need your opinions and comments as we move to what the report calls "a culture of greater openness and sharing". But we also need you to take ownership of your communications. Anonymous letters and rumors do not allow for open discussion, cause hard feelings and create tension. If you are not comfortable talking to Pastor Williams or to the Congregational Council as a whole, find a council member. That's what we are here for. So, may we talk?

A big "thank you" to everyone who participated in the congregation meetings on April 6th and 7th to help us begin this process!.

Denise Crews, Congregation Council

Financial Reports

Received 03/10/2019:		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	\$ 4,792.00	\$ 33,678.76	Sat. 4 p.m. 21
Benevolence	<u>84.00</u>	<u>1,094.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. 70
Total	\$4,876.00	\$ 34,772.76	Ash Weds. <u>50</u>
			S.S. ____ Total 141

Received 03/17/2019:		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	3,412.00	\$ 37,090.76	Sat. 4 p.m. 26
Benevolence	<u>186.00</u>	<u>1,280.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. 82
Total	\$3,598.00	\$38,370.76	Weds Eve. <u>50</u>
			S.S. ____ Total 158

Received 03/24/2019:		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	2,298.00	\$ 39,388.76	Sat. 4 p.m. 20
Benevolence	<u>56.00</u>	<u>1,336.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. 86
Total	\$2,354.00	\$40,724.76	Weds. Eve. <u>34</u>
			S.S. ____ Total 140

Received 03/31/2019:		Year to Date	Attendance
Current	3,972.00	43,360.76	Sat. 4 p.m. 13
Benevolence	<u>51.00</u>	<u>1,387.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. 84
Total	\$4,023.00	\$44,747.76	Weds Eve. <u>34</u>
			S.S. ____ Total 131

THANK YOU Thrivent members Jerry Young and Mandy John for directing your Thrivent Choice dollars to St. Paul's!

Total Income for Operations as of January 28, 2019	\$47,069.22
Total Operating Expenses as of January 28, 2019	<u>- 56,064.05</u>
<u>DEFICIT</u>	\$ - 8,994.83

Notes to the Church and Congregation:

RISEN BREAD FOR EASTER There are 7 Sundays in Easter, and it is our tradition to use risen bread for each of them. So, we are looking for bread bakers for April 28th, May 5th, May 12th, May 19th, May 26th and June 2nd. If you can help, please see Denise Crews or Terri Beamer. The organist is willing to taste-test. ☺

THE SOUTHERN OHIO SYNOD ASSEMBLY will gather 7 & 8 June, 2019 at Wittenberg University. If you are interested in attending, please talk to Mandy John.

PLANTING THOSE FLOWERS! Also on May 5th the Sunday school classes will be potting flowers to give away on Mother's Day, May 12th. We usually get a little dirty, so come dressed accordingly!

GRADUATES!!! Anyone in your family graduating this May/June? Please let the office know.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS Save the date September 8, 2019 for God's Work Our Hands. This is a special day when the ELCA joins together in providing service to their local community. If you have ideas of how St. Paul's can serve our community, please share them with any member of the church council.

REMINDER For those with mobility issues or handicapped placards, feel free to park in the alley on the south side of the church. There is room for about five cars.

PRAYERS Our prayers are requested for the following people *Stan Mozer, Bob Foster, Betsy Williams, Steve Sukara, Joe Kascandi, Jeff Kinser, Merry Anctil*

Those with Long-Term Prayer Concerns: *Terrie Baker, Dawn Campbell, Fred Citrone, Ernest & Wanda Cooperider, Rose Godenschwager, Wilma Keller, Betty & Cliff Neighbarger, Terry Nelson, Jackie Sainsbury, 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.



Do we have your correct email? Please help us to stay in touch by sharing your current email address – just email the church. secretary@stpaulselca.org

ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LAMP CANDLES

April 21st – Easter Flowers. The candle is lit by Josh Ice and Matt Hummel in honor of the ***Resurrection of Our Lord***, and the ***Covenant Choir and Jubilate Ringers.***

April 28th – Available!

May 5th – Available!



Flowers continued: May 12th – One vase is given by Steve and Janet Gall in honor of their granddaughter, ***Samara Gall***, who graduates from Longwood University. The second vase is available!

May 19th – One vase is given by Steve and Janet Gall in honor of their mothers, ***Minnie Gall and Bettie Endorf***. The second vase is available! The candle is lighted by Greg and Kim Everingham in honor of their grandson, ***Maxwell Everingham*** on his 9th birthday.

Reminder: We invite you to place flowers on the altar! Please put your name on the flower or candle chart, and then please fill out an information form and put it in the basket on the office door. The information forms are canary yellow half-sheets that can be found on the shelf with the ushers' things. This will save the secretary time when typing the Forward and the bulletins. Thank you!

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 – May 17th 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 May breakfast will be skipped due to Mother's Day.

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP In April on the 24th, we will take a tour of the restored Licking County Courthouse and have lunch at Susie's Bistro. In May we will attend the LMH Game Show at the Reese Center. For further details, call Jean Hovland at 740-366-5058 or Connie Baker at 740-334-8961.

WELCA NEWS Annual Rummage & Bake Sale April 26 & 27: The sale will be held from **9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Friday, April 26th and from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on Saturday the 27th**. Please consider helping with the sale or donating baked goods. Your donations will provide funds for church receptions, funeral luncheons, and other 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.

Alice Circle will meet on April 18th at 1:00 p.m. **Nancy Circle** will meet Wednesday April 24th at 6:30p.m. **Ruth Circle** meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. and their next meeting is April 24th to put out items for the Rummage Sale. Their regular meeting will be May 8th.

Holy Week/Easter Schedule

April 18th 7:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

April 19th Noon-2nd Presbyterian Community Holy Week Service

April 19th 7:15 p.m. Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 21st at 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

at the Four Church Farm

Saturday, April 20th 4 p.m. & Sunday, April 21st 9:30 a.m.

Easter Service *both services in the church*

Council 3/25/19

UNEDITED AND UNAPPROVED MINUTES!

Council Minutes: March 25, 2019 Call to Order 7:00 Attendance: Greta Blegvad, Alice Beamer, Denise Crews, Anne Daly, Mark Finck, Jean Hovland, Matt Hummel, Al Miller, Jim Rengert Motion to excuse absentee members by Denise Crews, seconded by Alice Beamer. Motion approved Devotion(Jean Hovland) Congregational Concerns: No congregational members present January 28 Meeting minute Review: Motion to approve Jan. 28th minutes by Anne Daly, seconded by Denise Crews. Motion approved Committee Reports: Motion to accept committee reports by Matt Hummel, seconded by Denise Crews. Motion approved • Congregational Care: ○ Feb 4th, Gail and Deb delivered alter flowers to Betty and Cliff Neighbarger and Gretchen Treneff. ○ Feb 11th, Valentine's Day bags were delivered to Lois Lovelady, Genny Baker, Margeret Marx, Mary Anctil, Betty and Cliff Neighbarger, Gretchen Treneff, Alice Smith, and Dick Wagenheim. ○ Mar 4th and 12th, Shut-ins were visited by Gail, and Deb • Mutual Ministry Mutual Ministry met on January 30, 2019. In attendance were Pastor Betsy, John Grangaard, Jerry Young, Dick Shiels, and Greta Blegvad. Connie Baker absent/excused. A little background of the committee: Following the call of Pastor Betsy Williams, it was requested by the Synod that we (the Call Committee) form a Mutual Ministry team (between 3-6 members) who would act as a group to give support and advice to the new pastor for her first year or so at St. Paul's. The committee was led by Willis Trainor and also consisted of John Grangaard, Jerry Young, Greta Blegvad and Connie Baker, all original call committee members. The other original call committee members did not wish to be on the Mutual Ministry committee so Debbie Anctil was asked to be on the team. We had meetings with Pastor Betsy for her first year or so at St. Paul's and then went on hiatus for a time. Now that she was no longer "new" at St. Paul's, Pastor Betsy said that she was thinking of reworking the committee as the Synod's definition of Mutual Ministry was much more than simply pastoral support and could involve working on a mission statement, among other things. In November of 2018, Pastor Betsy asked that we again start to

meet to rework the committee. Debbie and Willis had resigned from the committee so Pastor asked Dick Shiels to be on the committee. Pastor's health issue then came to light and we are now on hiatus awaiting further instruction from Pastor Betsy.

- WELCA: \$1000 made for Vertical 196 on S. 5th St. Rummage sale the weekend after Easter(April 26th 9-6/27th 9-12)
- Education: No Report
- Property: Met on March 12th; After discussions, it was agreed that Charlie will ask the council to approve the installation of additional security devices(cameras, and monitors). Russ Hovland contacted David Kitzmiller about mowing during the warmer months. It was proposed to offer him \$30, this includes string trimming and blowing clippings off sidewalks. Russ will continue to maintain equipment and advise David when to mow
- Worship: Follow up on older business. New Business; Worship Committee is re-extending an invitation to the Bishop to come to join us and lead a service. Dates for this to be determined. Council Minutes: March 25, 2019
- Palm Sunday: 4/14 Easter Flower orders need to be placed in the bulletin. Questions about the effect of flowers on Pastor Betsy's lungs arose. They will be considerations taken upon this after consulting Betsy.
- Easter: John Jordan has ideas for hangings in the center of the sanctuary. But possible issues about it blocking the view of the cross.
- Tre Ora: Some wanted to revisit the decision on the Tre Ora for Good Friday. It was noted that the self-study recommended an increase in service to the community, and this is a service that should be.
- Evangelism: No Report
- Rental Property: 252 Woods Property, Furnace didn't come on, filter seemed to not be installed after the fire. A full duct cleaning will occur to the property to avoid any further fire hazards. Other small issues to be fixed. 2520 house, bathroom remodel in progress.
- Youth Ministry: No Report
- Four Church Farm: The new flags arrived and look great!
- Technology/Website: Access to the guest password, Go to the office. The domain may change to Wicks to Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept report Anne Daly, Seconded by Greta B. Motion approved Pastor's Report: No Report Old Business -Finalize Church Handbook (Greta) *Edits made by Denise Crews were printed out and passed around. Other additional edits were discussed. -Mecklenburg 2020 – The planning committee met 17 March (report Anne Daly).
- *Pastor Waack from St. Bartholomew's reports that some of their members will visit June 20-28th 2020. St. Paul's Task Force came up with a number of activities that could be possibilities to do while the group is here, but they need to know what the budget for transportation and activities are before planning. It was also discussed that Pastor Waack possibly preach the Sunday service including the hymn: Gott gibt ein Fest. Full music ideas to be discussed with Matt and Josh.
- God's Work Our Hands September 8, 2019. -April 6-7 Congregational Meeting (financial update/listening post questions) following services -LOMO registration and check sent
- A sign-up sheet will be posted to request a "director" for the camp. We need volunteers! New Business - Southern Ohio Synod Assembly at Wittenberg University 7-8 June 2019 -Bishop Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt will visit St Paul's Lutheran Church. The tentative date for the visit is Aug. 25th
- Interim Pastor: Pastor Childs has agreed through April, but there is the possibility that we will need to look into having an interim through June -Amber/Sexton: Given numerous issues with the cleanliness of the church(noted by many), and a question of actual hours worked. It was discussed that Amber might need to be let go or there is a chance she is putting in her final work notice. Council Minutes: March 25, 2019 -Congregational Meeting/ Discussion of Communication: A congregational meeting will occur April 6th after the 4 pm service and after the 9:30 am service on April 7th to continue the discussion of the Listening Post report. We are

encouraging feedback and want to hear what you have to say. This will focus on the issue of communication that was noted multiple times throughout the report. There is a brief questionnaire to be completed. Action Items: -Matt will discuss with Diane Gantz about the Easter egg hunt this year for the Sunday school kids. We may need plastic eggs donated Roundtable Closing Prayer

LISTENING POST CORNER

Quick Answers

Why do we read the entire Passion Reading on Palm Sunday?

There are two schools of thought on the Passion Reading and both relate to the unified Lectionary or the Gospel selections for the day. If you are old enough to remember the 1930 American Lutheran Hymnal (brown hymnal), there was no lectionary but instead the Passion Gospel was read over the weeks of Lent. The 1958 Service Book and Hymnal (old red hymnal) was the first attempt at a unified hymnal for all the Lutheran sects in the United States. In that hymnal, the Passion Sunday was the fifth Sunday in Lent. It marked the Passiontide or the period between Lent and Easter. The 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship (green hymnal) introduced the Common Lectionary, a three year cycle of reading adopted by Christian denominations and related to the Roman Catholic lectionary. This is where the two schools of thought come in. Some scholars say that reading the Passion Gospel on Palm Sunday returns us to the ancient form of Lent that prepares members for baptism at Easter. The Passion Gospel becomes then the final lesson in that preparation. Others suggest that reading the Passion Gospel brings the whole Holy Week experience into Palm Sunday so that we don't move from Hosanna to Alleluia and skip Good Friday lesson. Here at St. Paul's we celebrate the whole range of the Easter season from the praise to the betrayal and judgment to the crucifixion and finally the glory of the risen Lord. Come and join us for these special services. The schedule is listed here in the Forward.

How are hymns selected?

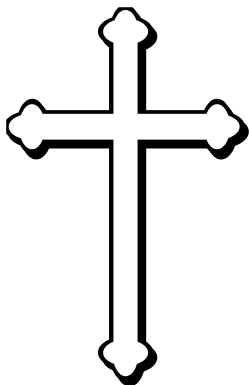
Hymn choices come from a variety of sources. The ELCA provides recommended hymns based on the season and the readings from the Common Lectionary. In addition, the Southern Ohio Synod also provides a list of recommended hymns. And some hymns just go with specific services. Just try to imagine Reformation without "A Mighty Fortress" or Christmas without "Silent Night." Here at St Paul's, hymns are selected by Pastor Williams based in part on these recommendations. During her absence, hymns are being selected by a committee. Are you missing a favorite hymn? Drop a card in the offertory plate to request it. You may not hear it as a hymn but Matt is known to play requests as preludes, meditations or postludes. Hymns may also be heard as choir anthems, bell choir selections or small group pieces.

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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."*