

THE FORWARD

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
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A Few Thoughts from 'Heart and Soul': How Pentecost is like the NFL Draft

Yes, both seem to go on for 50 days, and both feature people suspected of being drunk on new wine, but there are some more relevant parallels as well.

Both deal with God's chosen people. In the beginning, there was the covenant with Abraham. His descendants would number like the stars. Later, God stood by Noah, helped Moses lead the Hebrew people out of Egypt, delivered them to the Promised Land, and occasionally rebuked them through his designated prophets. The Christian perspective on who the chosen people are, of course, changes with the coming of Christ and the messages implied by His actions (reaching out to tax collectors, fishermen, Samaritan women, and even Romans), and by the coming of the Holy Spirit to a crowd of ordinary disciples speaking in all the languages of the world. That message was reinforced through the outreach of St. Paul and the eventual realization by St. Peter that gentiles are part of God's chosen people too.

So what does that have to do with the draft? Well, God had a round of first round picks too. A few thousand years later, a second round of picks, and that draft continues to this day. Each of us is chosen. And each of us receives marching orders – not to go play for Cleveland or Tampa Bay, but to live out the Gospel in our community and around the world.

Some look at the chosen people narrowly and consider that there's only one *truly* chosen people. Those other groups are either mistaken, outdated, not among the born again or predestined, or subpar in some other way. This leads not only to horrific acts of extremism, but also to more mundane ways in which we consciously or unconsciously write off large parts of the human race.

But to go back to the football metaphor one more time, aside from planning trips to Disney World, someone on the college football championship team will undoubtedly thank God for helping them win. That's not to say God is a Clemson fan, or an Ohio State fan. He loves, chooses, and deputizes us all. Yes, even Michigan fans.

Jerry Young, Heart and Soul Class

Financial Reports

Received 04/07/2019:		Year to Date
Current	\$ 23,459.17	\$ 66,819.93
Benevolence	<u>153.00</u>	<u>1,540.00</u>
Total	\$23,612.17	\$ 68,359.93

Attendance	
Sat. 4 p.m.	24
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	67
Weds.	<u>44</u>
S.S. <u>26</u>	Total 135

Received 04/14/2019:		Year to Date
Current	4,052.00	\$ 70,871.93
Benevolence	<u>126.00</u>	<u>1,666.00</u>
Total	\$4,178.00	\$72,537.93

Attendance	
Sat. 4 p.m.	20
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	86
Weds Eve.	<u>37</u>
S.S. <u> </u>	Total 143

Received 04/21/2019:		Year to Date
Current	4,637.00	\$ 75,508.93
Benevolence	<u>150.00</u>	<u>1,816.00</u>
Total	\$4,787.00	\$77,324.93

Attendance	
Sat. 4 p.m.	26
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	114
Holy Week	<u>87</u>
S.S. <u>27</u>	Total 227

Received 04/28/2019:		Year to Date
Current	1,823.00	77,331.93
Benevolence	<u>106.00</u>	<u>1,922.00</u>
Total	\$1,929.00	\$79,253.93

Attendance	
Sat. 4 p.m.	17
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	<u>57</u>
S.S. <u> </u>	Total 74

Received 05/05/2019:		Year to Date
Current	3,252.14	80,584.07
Benevolence	<u>168.00</u>	<u>2,090.00</u>
Total	\$3,420.14	\$82,674.07

Attendance	
Sat. 4 p.m.	15
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	<u>59</u>
S.S. <u>18</u>	Total 74

THANK YOU Thrivent members for directing your Thrivent Choice dollars to St. Paul's! Thank you Dr. Robert Wright for your generous donation!

Total Income for Operations as of April 30, 2019	\$82,980.47
Total Operating Expenses as of April 30, 2019	<u>- 75,012.81</u>
	\$ 7,967.60

Notes to the Church and Congregation:

Please join the family of Richard Wagenheim for a 100th birthday celebration in Danford Hall after the church service on May 26. Cake and punch will be served. No gifts please, but cards are welcome. *Lindsay Freytag and Susan Wagenheim*

ST. PAUL'S 2019 BIBLESCHOOL/DAY CAMP The program will be July 29 – August 2, 2019. We will have space available for 30 campers ages K – 6th grade. Please call Jodie in the church office to sign up to attend this fun-filled, exciting activity. More information will be coming soon. If you can host one of our day camp helpers, please contact Mandy John or Sheila Carpenter.

BIG MUSICAL NEWS!!! SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND AT 2:00 P.M.!

Bring your friends to an afternoon of music at St. Paul's featuring the Covenant Choir, Jubilate Ringers and soloists from the church and Central Ohio. Come hear talented musicians of all ages perform multiple styles of music from Broadway show tunes to jazz classics. There is no admission cost! A freewill offering will be taken during the concert. Proceeds from the offering will assist us with buying new music for upcoming years. Concert is Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Hope to see you on June 2nd!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO GARY WALTERS! Gary is a retired high school basketball coach for Newark City Schools. On Saturday, May 18th he will be inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame along with 18-others. A graduate of Lakewood High School, Gary was the head coach at Newark High School from 1972 to 1999. His Wildcat teams had a combined record of 477 and 199 and won seven district championships and a regional title. Congratulations!

THE BISHOP IS COMING Reverend Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt will visit our congregation on August 25, 2019. Rev. Dillahunt is our ELCA Bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod. Please mark your calendar.

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING The next Congregational Meeting will be Saturday and Sunday, July 13th & 14th after the services. Please mark your calendar.

RISEN BREAD FOR EASTER Thank you to Monagene Pound, John Jordan, Terri Beamer, Lou Thomas, Gail Grangaard, Mandy John, Kerrill Foster, Jan Rengert and Diane Ganz for baking the risen bread for the Easter season. They are much appreciated!

GRADUATES!!! Congratulations to Emily Blegvad and Heath Monroe, who graduated from The Ohio State University May 5th. Congratulations to Samara Gall who graduated from Longwood University. Well Done!

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS Save the date September 8, 2019 for God's Work Our Hands. This is a special day when the churches of ELCA join 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.

PRAYERS Our prayers are requested for the following people: *Ginny Baker, Stan Mozer, Bob Foster, Betsy Williams, Steve Sukara, Joe Kascandi, Jeff Kinser, and Mike Contoin.*



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.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LAMP CANDLES

May 26th - One vase of flowers is given by Shirley Campbell in memory of her husband, **Wayne Campbell** who died on May 23rd, and her daughter-in-law, **Eva Campbell** who died on May 16th. **The candle** is lighted by Greg and Kim Everingham in honor of their granddaughter, **Emma Pence** in honor of her 12th birthday on May 25th.

June 2nd – Available

June 9th – One vase is given in memory by of **Martha Knerr** by her family in honor of her 102nd birthday June 12th.

June 16th – One vase is given in honor of Cameron Kolb's birthday by his aunt, Marti Kolb-Conner. The candle is lighted by Starr Cummings in honor of her son, **Charles Wickle** whose birthday is June 19th.

June 23rd – One vase is given by Steve and Janet Gall in memory of their fathers; **Zeke Gall and Kenneth Endorf.**

June 30th – Available

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 – June 21st** 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 June breakfast will be Sunday June 9th after the service. Come hungry!
- **FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP** June's event will be to attend a Weathervane performance of Aida on the 12th. Please call the box office to make your reservations – 740.366.4616.

WELCA NEWS Annual Rummage & Bake Sale Results: The bake sale made \$196.80, and the rummage sale made \$947.00 for a combined total of **\$1,143.80!** Thank you to everyone who donated items for sale or wonderful baked goods. The profits will be used to fund Women's ministry projects this year.

The Next WELCA meeting is Saturday June 1st at 9:30 a.m. in Danford Hall. We would love to have your input!

PIES FOR POPS Will follow both services on Father's Day weekend, Saturday June 15th and Sunday June 16th. If you can donate a pie, please let Kerrill Foster of Diane Ganz know!

Alice Circle will meet on June 20th at 1:00 p.m. **Ruth Circle** meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. and their next meeting is June 12th. Please contact the office for the meeting location

Council 4/29/19

UNEDITED AND UNAPPROVED MINUTES!

Attendance: Alice Beamer, Denise Crews, Anne Daly, Mark Finck, Kerrill Foster Jean Hovland, Mandy John, Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Joe McDaniel, Al Miller, Jim Rengert

Excused: Greta Blegvad, Matt Hummel

Call to Order: 7:02

Devotion: No Devotion

Listening to Concerns of the Congregation (limit 15 minutes): No congregational members present

Review of Meeting Minutes from 25 March 2019: Motion to approve March 25th minutes by Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, seconded by Alice Beamer. Motion approved.

Committee Reports: Motion to approve by Jim Rengert, seconded by Jean Hovland. Motion approved

Congregational Care: Report for April 15, 2019 - April 1st, Gail Grangaard and Debbie Anctil visited Gretchen Treneff, Alice Smith, Cliff and Betty Neighbarger, Fred Citrone, Dick Wagenhein, Lois Lovelady, and Mary Anctil -The "Word in Season" devotionals were given to all. Linda Smart sent her devotionals in the mail to Peg Hupp, Wilma Keller, Larry Kopp, Margaret Marx, Richmond Saylor -April 3rd, Jodie took a vase of flowers to Jim and Jackie Casto. April 8th, Linda Smart visited with Dawn Campbell and took a vase of flowers -April 4th, Linda Smart sent Easter cards to the following shut-ins; Mary Anctil, Ginny Baker, Terrie Baker, Mary Beamer, Dawn and Mink Campbell, Fred Citrone, Ernie and Wanda Cooperider, Larry Kopp, Wilma Keller, Lois Lovelady, Margaret Marx, Cliff and Betty Neighbarger, Richmond Saylor, Francis Slebochnik, Alice Smith, Gretchen Treneff, Dick Wagenhein Mary Anctil passed away

Education: No Report Evangelism: No Report Four Church Farms: Report for April 16th, 2019

Old Business: discussion to put more of the money from the checking account into a CD and if there were stipulations as to how to invest the money and how much is chosen to keep. It was brought up is there was a way to rid the property of the moles that were getting bad last year, the cost was efficient. It was decided to have the septic tank drained again. **New Business:** Pastor Bill Rauch and Pastor George Winston joined efforts to handle the Easter Sunrise Service. The septic tank might be having issues since it is filled up already, President Dan Fischer said he would be present when it was drained so that he could inquire what the issue was. The water line in the women's bathroom is broken and needs replaced. April 10th and 17th were work days, the Farm was cleaned up and prepared for the service, and Pastor George and Chuck fixed the water line

Mutual Ministry: No Report

Property: Report for April 9th, 2019 Russ replaced a relay that controls the air handler in the church heating/air conditioning system, cost was \$70. Russ has not been able to reach David Kitzmiller about moving the lawns. Discussion about the best solution for janitorial service occurred, Diane compiled a list of companies as a starting point. Mandy talked with Amber about the issues with cleaning, and documentation is being created for what has/ needs to be cleaned so that it's clear what has been done.

Rental Property: Did not meet in April. Service contractor came and cleaned out the duct work in the Woods property. The air conditioner on the same property isn't holding its charge and may need replaced. An estimate is coming. All rent has been paid on time

Technology/Website: No Report

WELCA: Nancy Circle sent out Easter cards to shut ins. The rummage sale wrapped up, thank you to all those who helped! Bake sale made over \$190, and \$853 was made on the rummage. There was a lot left over that was taken to St. Vincent De Paul and a Granville Thrift Shop. Regular meeting will be the first Sunday in June.

Worship: No Report Youth Ministry: No meeting due to busy schedules

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve by Charlie-Laidlaw-Smith, seconded by Anne Daly. Motion Approved

Pastor's Report: No Report

Old Business Church Handbook (Greta) Jean Hovland submitted updates to the handbook edits. They will be posted on the bulletin board for congregational comments

Mecklenburg 2020 – Funding the visit/next planning meeting June 2, 2019

A small portion of a donation may be set aside as funds for the visit. But there needs to be a count so that we know what activities to plan for, and how much it will cost.

God's Work Our Hands September 8, 2019: No Report, there have been no potential projects suggested.

Congregational Meeting recap of April meeting/pick a date and topic for next meeting

A draft report was sent out to council based on feedback surveys from the meetings. The people that were present were active members, survey issue is that it didn't reach inactive members. There needs to be a way to reach all three technology groups: older members use mail, telephone, etc. younger use various social media and other tech. platforms. Accuracy has been an issue, info doesn't match between sources.

Congregation noted that council is doing better about getting information out

NEXT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: JULY 14th after church!!

LOMO confirmed for Jul 28 – Aug 2, 2019 need site coordinator/advertisement/volunteers

Sheela volunteered to be a coordinator, advertisements for it is needed. Notifications will be sent to those that participated last year, and then opened to the public if space is still available.

Southern Ohio Synod Assembly at Wittenberg University 7-8 June 2019

Having a representative from St. Paul's council would be beneficial

New Business Bishop Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt will visit St Paul's Lutheran Church 25 August 2019

Options for pastoral care (interim vs supply)

Council decided to continue with a supply pastor, and Mandy will discuss with Pastor Buke about being the supply for the summer months

Roundtable -Charlie brought an estimate from ADT for the updated security system; \$1200 for wiring, monitors, intercom, audio-visual adapter, remote to unlock the door from the office. Council declined to accept that amount until at least 2 more bids are given and Property committee discusses it further.

-Alice discussed using the south transept as the new bell choir location and placing the “quiet area” up in the balcony. A number of bell choir members are having issues with using the stairs and the new placement would be easier, it would also make for better viewing of the choir so people don’t have to crane their necks. The balcony is already carpeted and the pews would remain up there so that parents can still be included in the service. More discussion to happen, but the idea was well received.

Closing Prayer

LISTENING POST CORNER Thanks again for all that participated in the Congregational Meeting. A report is now available and council will be taking up recommendations in the next few meetings. Your input is valuable.

Quick Answers

Why does the church issue quarterly reports of giving?

This was asked at the Congregational Meeting and was worth an answer. Each quarter the Financial Secretary issues a summary of your giving. This has two purposes. First it is required by our Constitution and Bylaws to issue quarterly statements. Second it gives you a chance to correct any errors both for your records and for ours. It is much easier for Kerrill to make corrections during the year than to wait until the end of the year when everyone is trying to balance their books for annual and tax purposes. It is an issue we will look into when we start on updating our Constitution and Bylaws this summer, but in the meantime we still issue them quarterly. You can help by picking up your quarterly statement in the hallway between the church and the chapel.

We should project portions of the service and hymns.

An interesting idea that is being used in many churches. And as with many ideas it has good and bad points. One group of thought is that projecting the service allows people to get their eyes out of the bulletin or hymnal and focus on the communal worship. The other side is that projecting the service line by line disrupts the meaning of the litany and becomes a distraction especially when words are supplemented by videos and graphics. And with hymns, projecting just the words leaves out the music which makes following an unfamiliar tune difficult. But the simple answer is that we don’t have any place to project during a service. Adding a screen to the front of the church would block the stained glass window or the altar. And the walls on either side of the lectern and pulpit are too small to allow a large projection. Who knows what technology in the future may bring? We may all be getting our Sunday bulletin on our smart phones. If you are having problems reading the bulletin or the hymnal, please ask the usher for a large print bulletin. They are available in the back of the church.

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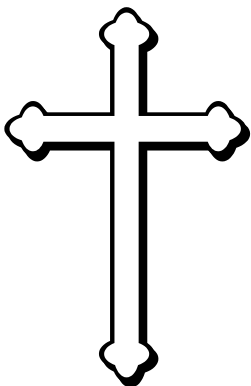
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**SUNDAY
SCHEDULE**

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."*