

# THE FORWARD

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
NEWARK, OHIO JUNE 18, 2019



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## SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE

Summertime and the livin' is easy. It is at least according to George Gershwin in *Porgy and Bess*. By the time we receive *The Forward* we will have passed Trinity Sunday and be closing in on the Summer Solstice. We can settle into the relaxed services of the green Sundays after Pentecost with the Children's Sunday School and choirs on hiatus.

That doesn't mean things are stopping here at St Paul's. We still have lots of things to do. We will be searching for a new choir director over the summer to replace Josh Ice. July will bring a congregational meeting and Vacation Bible School. August will bring the Bishop's visit. And committees will still be busy with activities and planning for the fall. Drop in on Game Night or the Heart and Soul class to enjoy an air-conditioned evening. Keep an eye on the calendar for activities and meetings and feel free to join in. We are looking for volunteers to help with Bible School and Oktoberfest and count on us giving the church a good polish for our visitors in August.

Thanks to everyone that has worked so hard during the year to make the services special and the church run smoothly. You deserve a well-earned rest. Just remember to rest on Sunday in our padded pews!

*Denise Crews, Congregation Council*

## Financial Reports

Received 05/12/2019:	Year to Date	Attendance
Current       \$ 4,413.00	\$ 84,727.07	Sat. 4 p.m.   32
Benevolence <u>131.00</u>	<u>2,221.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>60</u>
Total           \$4,274.00	\$ 86,948.07	S.S. <u>25</u> Total 92

Received 05/19/2019:	Year to Date	Attendance
Current       2,742.00	\$ 87,469.07	Sat. 4 p.m.   19
Benevolence <u>106.00</u>	<u>2,327.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>70</u>
Total           \$2,848.00	\$89,796.07	S.S. <u>  </u> Total 89

Received 05/26/2019:	Year to Date	Attendance
Current       2,367.00	\$ 89,836.07	Sat. 4 p.m.   17
Benevolence <u>76.00</u>	<u>2,403.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>75</u>
Total           \$2,443.00	\$92,239.07	S.S. <u>25</u> Total 92

Received 06/02/2019:	Year to Date	Attendance
Current       3,647.00	93,483.07	Sat. 4 p.m.   17
Benevolence <u>154.00</u>	<u>2,557.00</u>	Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>74</u>
Total           \$3,801.00	\$96,040.07	S.S. <u>  </u> Total 91

***THANK YOU*** Thrivent members for directing your Thrivent Choice dollars to St. Paul's!

Total Income for Operations as of May 31, 2019	\$90,152.07
Total Operating Expenses as of May 31, 2019	<u>- 83,629.21</u>
<b><u>Balance</u></b>	<b>\$ 6,522.86</b>

**PRAYERS** Our prayers are requested for the following people: *Mike Daly, Marty Altmaier, Terri Beamer, Ruth White, Paul Baker, Mike Contoin, Ginny Baker, Stan Mozer, Bob Foster, Betsy Williams, Steve Sukara, Joe Kascandi, Jeff Kinser.*



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

**THEY HAVE A SPACE FOR YOU!** Russ and Jean Hovland have kindly agreed to keep a space for those church members who want to attend the fireworks at the OSUN-COTC campus on the evening of July 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you're interested, just look for Russ and Jean that evening! Thanks, Russ and Jean!

**LOOK FOR THE REVISED CHURCH HANDBOOK** to be posted on the bulletin board in the entryway to the parish building in the near future. We welcome your comments!

**SHUT-INS** – If you are in need of pastoral care, or would like communion brought to your home, please contact the office and leave a message with Jodie between the hours of 10 and 2. Thanks!

**LOST AND LONELIES** – There is a huge collection of bakeware and plasticware in the church kitchen. If you are missing something or took dinner to Pastor Betsy and are missing a container, please check in the kitchen and take them home. Your dishes are missing you!

**ST. PAUL'S 2019 BIBLESCHOOL/DAY CAMP** The program will be July 29 to August 2, 2019 from 9-4. We will have space available for 30 campers ages K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please call Jodie in the church office to sign up to attend this fun-filled, exciting activity. Look for a registration form inside the bulletin. If you can host one of our day camp helpers, please contact Mandy John or Sheila Carpenter.

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

**THE BISHOP IS COMING** Reverend Suzanne Darcy Dillahunty will visit our congregation on August 25, 2019. Rev. Dillahunty 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 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> after the services. Please mark your calendar.

**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.

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

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

**June 30<sup>th</sup>** – Available

**July 7<sup>th</sup>** – The flowers are available. The candle is given by Starr Cummings in honor of her daughter, ***Jennifer Cummings-Specht*** whose birthday is July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**July 14<sup>th</sup>** – The candle is available. The flowers are given by Dick and Anne Daly in honor of their grandson, Tommy Zinn whose birthday is July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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 – July 19<sup>th</sup>** 7p.m. in Weisgerber Lounge. Bring your favorite board or card games or you can play someone else's favorite. Bring along a snack to share.
- **YOUTH NEWS** The July breakfast will be Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> after the service in conjunction with the congregational meeting. Come hungry!

- **FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP** Will be heading to Roscoe Village on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Please meet in the church parking lot off of Locust Street at 10:30 a.m. if you are interested in joining the caravan! For further details, call Jean Hovland at 740-366-5058 or Connie Baker at 740-334-8961.

## **WELCA NEWS -**

**School Kits for Lutheran World Relief** - Once again this summer we will be collecting school supplies for LWR school kits. The list of needed supplies as well as a collection box will be making its appearance in the entryway to the parish building in July – just in time for the back to school sales. Last year we were able to send 50 backpacks and we hope to increase that number this year. The Sunday School classes will assemble the kits in late September. Thanks for your help!

**Alice Circle** will be taking a break over the summer and will plan to meet again in September. **Ruth Circle will continue to meet** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. and their next meeting is July 10<sup>th</sup> at Florence Knerr's.

## **Council 6/2/19      UNEDITED AND UNAPPROVED MINUTES for May 2019!**

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes June 3, 2019**

Present - Greta Blegvad, Alice Beamer, Denise Crews, Mark Fink, Jean Hovland, Mandy John, Joe McDaniel, Al Miller, Jim Rengert Excused – Anne Daly, Matt Hummel, Charlie Laidlaw Smith, Pastor Betsy

7:00 P.M. Mandy John called the meeting to order. Her devotion was taken from Psalm 29 - God is in Control.

**Congregational concerns** – No congregational members present.

**Corrections to the April minutes are:** 1. Pastor Buuck's name was misspelled. It is Buuck. 2. The date of the next council meeting should be included in the minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected. Committee Reports: Mark Fink moved to accept the committee reports as given and Greta Blegvad second the motion. Motion approved.

**Congregational Care** - Shut-ins were visited **Education** - No report **Evangelism** - No report

**Four Church Farm** – Easter Sunrise Service handled by Pastor Rauch and Pastor Winston. The septic tank issue and broken pipe were repaired. Mowing is being done weekly. They have \$13,761.82 in their treasury. Glenford Lutheran Church is interested in being involved with the Four Church Farm.

**Mutual Ministry** - No report **Property** - No report

**Rental Property** – Dor Mar has the heating & cooling inspection contract. They reported that the air conditioner was leaking at the Woods Ave property. Mark Anctil offered to order an air conditioner and it has been installed costing \$1624.00. Thanks Mark! Other bids were \$3900 and \$6500.

**Technology/website** – Domain change to WIX which also hosts the church website and the Church mailbox [secretary@stpaulselca.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulselca.org) via the g-mail platform.

**WELCA** – June 16<sup>th</sup> – Pies for Pop **Worship** – No report

**Youth Ministry** – There will not be a youth breakfast June 9<sup>th</sup> because there will be a reception for Josh Ice. Josh has resigned as of June 9<sup>th</sup>. He has a full time Job! We will miss you.

**Treasurer's report** – Kerrill gave us a 14 page report. (see the bulletin board) Mark Fink moved to accept her report. Joe McDaniel second the motion. Motion carried.

**Pastor's report** – No report

### **Old Business**

Members should call the office if they need to have communion brought to their home.

Greta is working to correct the handbook. It will need to be updated when our constitution is updated.

Mecklenburg 2020 committee is meeting to plan activities.

Sept 8th is God's Work Our Hand's. Projects suggested were 1. making bag lunches to distribute in the community 2. making and/or decorating pillowcases to be distributed.

LOMO Camp should have a registration form in the Forward.

Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt will visit St. Paul's on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

Pastor Betsy is having health evaluations this week.

John and Kathy Jordan will attend Southern Ohio Synod Assembly June 7 & 8.

Pastor Van Winkle is unable to be our supply Pastor for June and July.

Pastor Burgie will be our supply Pastor this week.

Topics for the next congregational meeting – July 14th

Moving the bell choir downstairs Constitution

Next Council Meeting is June 24, 2019 at 7:00 PM in Danford Hall

Council meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted Jean Hovland and Alice Beamer

## **Listening Post Corner**

Check out the report on the Communication Workshop. It is posted on the bulletin board. Over the summer we will be working to develop a consistent look to our communications along with identifying how information can be transferred to each of our publications. If you are interested in working on this project and can be available for about six meetings, please let Denise Crews know.

## **Quick Answers**

There were two service order issues in the Listening Post report.

1. *We should move the announcements later in the service so the choir can hear them.*
2. *Move the peace to a different part of the service and make it shorter.*

I consulted with Pastor Betsy and she provided a really good explanation for the service order. Basically the service has four actions; The Gathering, The Word, The Response to the Word and the Meal. When you look at a service that way, it is obvious that the announcements belong in The Gathering portion of the service. Pastor Betsy and the Worship Committee discussed this and decided the announcement should be at the beginning to avoid disrupting the liturgy. In any case we are going to make an effort to minimize announcements by keeping the bulletin up to date. If there is anything you would like to announce, the

deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday and a note to the secretary either in writing or by e-mail will work.

The peace was added to the service with the introduction of the Green Hymnal in 1978 but was part of the ancient liturgy. According to Pastor the location in the service has moved around and the Worship Committee discussed this when Pastor came. In some cases it was part of the Confession and Absolution in the Gathering. Others have placed it at the end as part of the Sending. But in accordance with the ancient tradition it has been the bridge between the Word and the Offering. As to the length of the process, it is up to the congregation members. We do try to be considerate of the music performers and mindful of the service length.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

The next Congregational Meeting will be July 13 and 14 after services. We will have a financial report and hear a proposal to relocate the Bell Choir in consideration to aged knees. Finally, we will start discussion of changes to the Constitution and Bylaws that will be mandated by the ELCA. This summer the ELCA will be adopting a new model constitution that will have items that we need to adopt along with much needed updates to meet our needs.

### **Preliminary Vacation Bible School Registration**

#### **Form K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade July 29-Aug 2, 9-4**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/cellphone \_\_\_\_\_

**VBS!**

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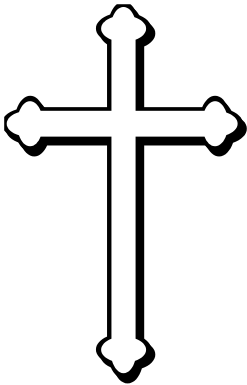
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**SUNDAY  
SCHEDULE**

**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.**"*