

# The Bridge

JUNE 2018

"Connecting Church and Home"

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

This weekend the newest installment of the Star Wars saga is coming to theaters. The movie brought to mind the YMBALI tee shirt from a number of years ago. In case you missed it, YMBALI is the acronym for "You Might Be A Lutheran If..." According to the YMBALI tee shirt the best clue that one actually might be a Lutheran is that "You are watching Star Wars and when you hear someone say, "The Force be with you," you reply, "And also with you!" The next best clue is that when you sing the hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"; you secretly wish that you could sit down.

"May the Force be with you!" As Christians we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit at our baptisms. That is the promise that Holy Spirit would work on and through us. The Holy Spirit is that which brings life to God's creation. The Holy Spirit drove out the fear of those first followers of Jesus when they burst out into the streets of Jerusalem on that first Pentecost Sunday. The Holy Spirit led the reformers, such as Martin Luther to risk their own lives to bring the Church back to its true faith. The Holy Spirit brings people to make incredible changes and do astonishing things even this day.

The Holy Spirit has been given to you in your baptism. Unfortunately too often we try to control the power of the Holy Spirit. We have this way of "putting God in a box". We let him out just a little bit at a time.

We need to remember that the power of God resides in us. God can do astonishing things in our lives and through our lives. Unleash that power, that incredible force in your lives! Let go and let God.

May the Force be with you!

Blessings,

*Pastor Dan*

# #YMBALI

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## THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Join us each Thursday at 10AM as we begin our study on Galatians. You don't want to miss this opportunity to dive deeper into the word and enjoy a time of fellowship.

## FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT



At the May Church Council meeting the primary new item of business was reviewing the budget that the finance committee had prepared for the coming year and approving it for recommendation to the congregation. With increased giving the last year, it was an easier task to come up with a balanced budget than it had been in previous years. I do want you to keep in mind though that we are still having to use money from our endowments to balance the budget and in particular we are using the money that would be used to pay an intern for other purposes. Since we cannot have an intern while we do not have a permanent pastor this is not an issue right now, but we need to increase our giving so that when we do have a permanent pastor in place for a year or two then we will again be able to resume our long history of having intern pastors.

At the May Congregational Meeting the budget was passed as proposed. A new three year class of four Church Council members was elected at the meeting and I would like to thank them for agreeing to serve our church. The new Council members are Deidra Monastra, Barb Palmer, Marilyn Perkowski, and John Stanko. Karl Kalk and Craig Maurer were elected to new terms on the Mission Endowment Committee. Brian and Kathy Corban were elected to be our 2019 representatives to the Synod Assembly. Finally, elected to be the nominating committee for 2019 are Christine Bates, Adam Johnson, Becky Moden, Sue Ambrosic, Jennifer Maurer and Amy White.

As my current term on Council (actually two back to back three year terms) comes to an end I would like to thank everyone for the privilege of serving on church council and to the council members who voted to allow me to be Council President each of those years. As I said at the Congregational meeting, I also would like to thank Doug White for so capably serving as Vice-President for the last six years, and for working as a team to take care of a lot of the things that needed to be done that I might have otherwise have had to handle myself.

The road for St. Paul's certainly has not been easy the last few years but it is rewarding to see that we have come through that tough period, with a number of issues and changes, successfully and are in a strong position to grow and do more ministry for more people in the future. Our greatest strength as a congregation has been the wealth of time and talents that has been shared by the members. If everyone will carry on the tradition of sharing the talents and gifts they have been given with their church our future will be filled with blessings.

*Greg Klein*

Church Council President

## FROM YOUR TREASURER: DANIEL FARRAR

Through April 30th our expenses are \$255,087 and our income is \$260,029 (income includes \$45,456 budgeted funds that have been withdrawn from our endowments) for a surplus of \$4942. April was plus \$4,612 and our final fifth Sunday Congregational Challenge of the fiscal year. Thanks to all for your faithful support.



## COMMUNITY MEAL & CLOSET



Our monthly Community Meal and Community Closet was held on Friday, May 11. Ninety (90) people attended. Attendance for the past three months has been 92, 92, and 90. Needless to say, as we plan each month, we prepare to feed 100. This ensures that we have enough food, including seconds, for everyone. Anything left over is boxed up and made available to our shut-ins.

Our meal on this Friday consisted of creamed chicken over biscuits, buttered peas, apple sauce, choice of beverage, and a brownie or donut for dessert. We had three (3) children this month. All were given two (2) books and a Pez dispenser.

Many attendees visited the Community Closet both before and after they ate. With warmer weather upon us, summer clothes were very popular. The Community Closet remains an important part of this ministry. If you wish to volunteer or donate to either the Community Closet or the Community Meal, please contact either Lea Lang at 330-224-2263 or Jack Fortune at 330-874-3525 to review our needs and discuss how you can help.

St. Paul's Community Meal and Community Closet provide a free meal and clothing for all on the 2nd Friday of each month. Our next opening is Friday, June 8, from 4:30 to 6:00. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.



*Jack & Marsha Fortune*  
Community Meal Directors

*Lea Lang*  
Community Closet Director

## THE SALVATION ARMY

We are writing to express our deepest thanks for the recent donation of \$100.00 from St. Paul's Lutheran Church to The Salvation Army of Massillon.

There is no way to fully express our gratitude for your donation. We at The Salvation Army are continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of donors like yourselves who answer the call to give again and again.

It is our hope that this thank you will help to communicate our very big thanks for your generosity. We aim to glorify Jesus in all we do!

Sincerely,  
*Thomas and Linda-Jo Perks*  
Majors, Corps Commanding Officers

## MAKE-A-WAY

Dear Friends at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, On behalf of the Make-A-Way Center, I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$100.00. Please know that your generosity will help Make-A-Way continue to make a difference in the lives of our members.

Your most generous gift to the Make-A-Way Center is an investment in the future of persons with disabilities. It is a promise that their future can be brighter, and that they may receive experiences that will enhance their lives and allow them to grow toward greater independence and happiness.

Sincerely,  
*Bryan E. Stuck*  
Director

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated their time and cookies for “2 Men and a Bench”. We had a lovely reception after the concert and the selection of cookies was wonderful. Thanks to your donations we were able to provide cookies for the Mother’s Day Coffee Hour. Your generosity is always appreciated!



*Christine Bates & Sue Reid*  
Parish Fellowship Committee

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I would like to thank everyone involved with the flower planting project. What a turnout this year...Awesome! A big thank you to Debbie and Jack Hoffman, Carole Fisher, Becky & Jim Johnson, John Stanko, Connie Crabtree, Sue Ambrosic, Vera Keefer, Sandi Bennett, Scott Larson and Bob & Julia Englehart.

And a very gracious thank you to Carl & Cindy Mazzocca of Mazzocca's Greenhouse, for yet again donating all the flowers. As always, I appreciate all your support. God bless you all!

Peace, *David Stoner*

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## ADULT BIBLE STUDY: WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?



During the summer months, time will be spent considering questions you might have about the Christian faith, the Bible, the Lutheran church, other religions, or living faithfully as Christians in the world. We’ll study Scripture and also examine what the “experts” can tell us, those who have spent much time addressing particular questions. Come with your questions and enjoy the conversation and fellowship. We meet each Sunday morning at approx. 10:30, top floor Parish Hall. An elevator is available for easy access.

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## CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The committee awaits additional pastoral candidate profiles for our consideration. Continue to pray for Pastor Karl Biermann, Assistant to the Bishop in our Synod, tasked with identifying those pastoral candidates who might be a good match for our congregation. We patiently wait upon the Lord and give thanks for the ministry of Pastor Dan to our congregation.

*Patty Long*  
Chair, Call Committee




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## MUSIC NOTES

Our summer special music during the month of June will include

Judy Hall-flute, Susan Bair-oboe, Professor Sue Wallin-soprano, Wanda Sobieska-violin.

If you would like to give a gift to support the gift of music input worship in honor or memory of family, friends, or congregation members, please contact Chad Pittman at [chadpit@msn.com](mailto:chadpit@msn.com) and your gift will be listed in the bulletin. If you would like to offer special music in worship, please contact Chad ASAP.

### YOUTH NEWS

**KALAHARI OUTING:** Join us for our trip to Kalahari on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 8am! Cost is only \$25/youth and that will include admission to the water park, pizza, drink and dinner. Please send any additional money for snacks or arcade games. As it stands right now, we have four drivers and 10 spots available so this will be a first come first serve event for St. Paul's Youth **ONLY**. If there are spots left, we will open that up to friends for \$35 each.

**SIGN UP and PAY DEADLINE is Sunday, June 3rd.**



**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING:** Some of our youth will be departing on June 26<sup>th</sup> for the National Youth Gathering in Houston TX. We ask that you keep us in your thoughts and prayers during that week as we embark on this spiritual filled time. Prayers for safety, prayers for open hearts, and prayers for God presence to be felt by all 30,000 youth who will be attending this event would be very much appreciated.

The youth and I thank the congregation of St. Paul's for all of their continued support!

*Tracie Brumfield*  
Youth Director

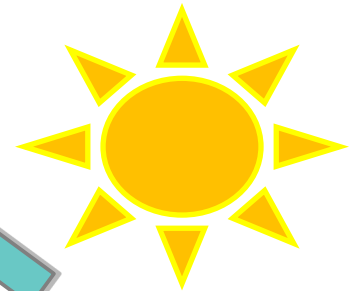


### VBS 2018

Welcome To

Camp

# MOOSE ON THE LOOSE



**Monday, July 9th—Thursday, July 12**

- ◇ Mark your calendars
- ◇ Invite a friend
- ◇ Join the Fun



**DONATIONS NEEDED**

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FOR AN  
INTERGENERATIONAL  
SERVICE PROJECT  
AT THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

Youth and adults will be making tied fleece blankets for Haven of Rest Ministries and Holy Trinity, Akron on Saturday, June 9th. They will also be repackaging diapers for Haven of Rest Ministries Diaper Bank. If you would like to donate to this project, we are seeking:

- ⇒ Blanket Fleece (cut into 1 to 1 1/2 yard sections)
- ⇒ Diapers (all sizes)
- ⇒ Hefty Jumbo Storage Slider Bags (2.5 gallon size)

Items can be dropped off at the church office through Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!

**SERVERS SCHEDULE**

Communion			
June	Bread Baker	Servers	Sacristy
3	Deb Hannum	(1) Eric Myers & Sue Reid (2) Marcia Wright	Kathryn Myers
10	Deb aHannum	(1) Doug White & Marcia Wright (2) Christine Bates	Kathryn Myers
17	Deb Hannum	(1) Christine Bates & Dan Farrar (2) Joe Hepler	Kathryn Myers
24	Deb Hannum	(1) Joe Hepler & Adam Johnson (2) Dan Farrar	Kathryn Myers

June	Acolytes	Assisting Minister	Greeters	Lector	Ushers
3	Caroline Deerwester & Tony Davila	Doug White	Jack & Marilyn Norton	Karl Kalk	Jack Hoffman, Eric and Carla Myers & Jim Starrett
10	Ryan Hostetler & Jaden Brumfield	Karl Kalk	David Stoner	Karl Kalk	Jack Hoffman, Eric and Carla Myers & Jim Starrett
17	Jacob Hodge & Tony Davila	Kathryn Myers	Becky Myers	Karl Kalk	Jack Hoffman, Eric and Carla Myers & Jim Starrett
24	Ryan Hostetler & Caroline Deerwester	Ron Stoner	Russ & MaryAnn Poling	Karl Kalk	Jack Hoffman, Eric and Carla Myers & Jim Starrett

# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10AM Bible Study 6:30PM Property	<b>8</b> 4:30-6PM Community Meal & Clothes Closet	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30PM Executive 7PM Council	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10AM Bible Study 6:30PM Friendship Circle	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30PM Finance	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10AM Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9AM Council and Women of the Church Installation	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

Deadline to submit articles for the July edition of the Bridge is Friday, June 15.  
 Please submit your articles via email to: [chris@stpaulsmassillon.org](mailto:chris@stpaulsmassillon.org) or  
 drop them off at the office at your earliest convenience. Thank You!

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## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

9:00am—Traditional Service

10:30am—Sunday School

11:15am—Praise Service

Nursery is staffed by qualified  
personnel and available for infant to  
age 5 from 8:30AM to 12:00PM.

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