

The Bridge

"Connecting Church and Home"

FEBRUARY 2022

St. Paul's Seeking a Communications Coordinator

Church Council has decided to seek a Communications Coordinator rather than another Office Administrator. This better reflects the current needs we as a church have on a day-to-day basis. The primary purpose of this position is to initiate, coordinate, and manage the multiple modes of communication at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, working in collaboration with church staff, leadership and other members of the congregation. It is a part time salaried position – 20 hours per week which includes in-office hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mon. - Fri. The full job description is available on the church web site. We encourage anyone who is interested in the position or who may know someone who would be interested to check out the full description and submit a cover letter and a resume to the church office to the attention of the Staff Support Committee.

Omega Circle
Tuesday, Feb. 8th
11:00 AM
Gleitsman Lounge

Community Meal
And
Clothes Closet
Friday, Feb 11th
Parish Hall Dining Room
4:30 - 6:00

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Friends in Christ,

Many of you will recognize the name of Eli Wiesel, the renowned Jewish theologian and prolific author. In his book, "All Rivers Run To The Sea" he tells of his family, living in Hungary during the dark days of the WWII. His family was waiting for their time to come, for the Nazis to arrive at their door and take them to a labor camp.

He tells about a peasant woman by the name of Maria. Maria was almost like a member of the family. She was a Christian. During the early years of the war she continued to visit them, but eventually non-Jews were no longer allowed entrance to the ghettos. That did not deter Maria. She found her way through the barbed wire and she came anyway, bringing the Wiesel's fruits, vegetables, and cheese.

One day she came knocking at their door. There was a cabin that she had up in the hills. She wanted to take the children, of which Eli was one, and hide them there before the SS came. They decided after much debate to stay together as a family, although they were deeply moved at this gesture. He writes of her:

Dear Maria. If other Christians had acted like her, the trains rolling toward the unknown would have been less crowded. If priests and pastors had raised their voices, if the Vatican had broken its silence, the enemy's hand would not have been so free. But most thought only of themselves. A Jewish home was barely emptied of its inhabitants before they descended like vultures.

I think of Maria often with affection and gratitude, he writes, and with wonder as well. This simple, uneducated woman stood taller than the city's intellectuals, dignitaries and clergy. My father had many acquaintances and even friends in the Christian community, not one of them showed the strength of character of this peasant woman. Of what value was their faith, their education, their social position, if it did not arouse their love. It was a simple and devout Christian woman who saved the town's honor.

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging symbol. If I have prophetic powers and a faith so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give everything I have to the poor, but have not love, I am nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

Blessings,

Pastor Mark

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Please email Bridge articles to
Tracie Schmolt at:
financeadmin@stpaulsmassillon.org
by the 15th of the month. Thanks!

*Please contact Sue Ambrosic
at 330-832-5798 if you would
like to have the Altar or Throne
Flowers for 2022.*

Please note:
New office hours
Tuesday—Friday
9:00 am—1:00 pm

Mission Endowment committee members have adopted a new form for making nominations. This form is available by request from a committee member (listed on the previous page). If you have an organization or cause for consideration Mission Endowment Funds, please request the form and submit the details for consideration.



Baby Caroline, Jeff Akey, Betty Ayers, Brenda Brown, Renee Brown, Chris Collard, Jim Dehnke, Pam Dekowski, Jean Dexter, Ken Dexter, Teri Dew, Hazel Draper, Mark Duris, Maria Garton, Mark Griffith, Robert Haas, Chance Haines, Sara Hughes, Ray Jones, Josh Keller, Bob Kirsch, Paula Kritzer, Matthew Kronenwetter, Dan Landig, Anna Langenfeld, Scott & Darlene Lewis, Maria Lichtenberger, Karen Lunkwitz, Jennifer Mays, Ron Meimer, Cheryl Myers, Lynne Nunley, David Paul, Ann Pratt, Carol Rohr, Cheryl Shaw, Lisa Straughn, Chrissy Sturtz, Angela Sutter, Gloria Talarico, Donna Viles, Marci Waltz, Kyle Whelan, Sherrie Whelan, Amy White, Doug & Becky White, Phyllis Wilson, Mike Zigelhoffer, Dr. Donald Zimmerman, Matt & Jen.

Assisting Ministers **For February**

If you are interested in becoming an Assistant Minister, please contact Karl Kalk via phone at 330.904.9797 or email at karlkal@msn.com

February 6th: Patty Long

February 13th: Karl Kalk

February 20th: Scott Larson

February 27th: David Stoner



February Greeters:

If you are interested in Becoming a greeter, please Contact Karl Kalk via phone At 330.904.9797 or email at karlkal@mns.com

February 6th: Jackie & Rob Pritchett

February 13th: Becky Myers

February 20th: Craig Maurer

February 27th: Greg & Lynda Klein



If you are interested in becoming a Lay Lector, please contact Karl Kalk via phone at 330.904.9797 or email at KarlKal@msn.com

February Lay Lectors **Andrew Lang**

February Communion Assistants

February 6th: Carol Stoner & Amy Burkett

February 13th: Don Gray & Eric Myers

February 20th: Patty Long & Tracie Schmolt

February 27th: David Stoner & Scott Larson

February Ushers

Carol Marlow
Mark Waltz
John & Linda Litman

If you are interested in becoming an Usher please contact Dick Longworth via phone at 330.756.2943 or email at richardlongworth7569@gmail.com

Sacristy

Now that we are able to have full Communion, volunteers are needed to prepare the altar and the elements. If you would be willing to help with this very important ministry, please contact me. I will work around your schedule and provide easy training, if needed.

Kathryn Myers
Kkirk124@yahoo.com or 330.854.6137

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2021- 2022 MONTH ENDING DECEMBER

December		YTD	
Income	\$ 24,834	Income	\$ 135,581
Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 6,623	Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 23,044
Expenses	\$ 32,078	Expenses	\$ 171,681
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (621)	Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (13,056)

SOUP, SOUP, AND MORE SOUP!!!!

God's Kitchen Angels will once again be making soup.

Soups available will be:

Chicken Rivel

Broccoli Cheese

Vegetable Beef

Each quart is still only \$7.00. PLEASE place your orders as soon as possible, as amounts will be limited.

CONTACT: Carol Marlow at (330) 832-9195, Sue Ambrosic at (330)832-5798 or use this form and drop it in the offering plate or bring it into the office during office hours.

Order due date is: Sunday, February 13th

Pick up date is: Sunday, February 27th.

Payment is due at pick up.

As always, we thank you for your support.

Sue Ambrosic, God's Kitchen Angels

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Chicken Rivel _____ Broccoli Cheese _____ Vegetable Beef _____

JANUARY COMMUNITY MEAL

We began the 2022 New Year for our monthly Community Meal on Friday, January 14. Due to Covid concerns leading to staffing issues, we did not open the Community Clothes Closet.

Our menu consisted of meatloaf, cheesy potato casserole, tossed salad, dinner roll, dessert, and a choice of beverage. The number of people served was 57, 4 of which were carryout. There was plenty to eat, with many enjoying seconds.

Once again the women's reading group had their "special additional needs" offering for those in attendance. Items provided included things such as paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, feminine products, disinfectant wipes, dishwashing liquid, body wash and other assorted items. These were made available and distributed one per family. By the end of the night, everything was gone. These items are useful and needed by many in our community.

Not only did Covid cause closure of the Community Closet, but it also made it difficult to effectively and efficiently provide our meal. Although we were successful on this night, we were missing several workers because of the pandemic. We will work very hard to continue our normal operation next month, but will keep a watchful eye on the situation and react accordingly. We must do what is best for the safety of both workers and patrons

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 February 11, from 4:30 to 6:00. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

Jack and Marsha Fortune





Livestream our Worship Sunday morning at 10 am

You can livestream our worship services on Facebook and YouTube. Please follow the links below and subscribe to our pages.

YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXq78jxlo0oK6Lcwz0G_x0A

- Click on Videos tab
- Click on uploads
 - o select all videos
 - o scroll down to find live stream

Facebook

https://m.facebook.com/groups/126744778439/?ref=group_browse

You will need to login to your Facebook account and join the group.

Reaching Out To A Friend!

You can share the Good News by inviting a friend to join us on Facebook or YouTube.

Worship Service on Sundays at 10:00 AM

So share the good news and invite a friend to join us. All of the information they need to connect to our site can be found on our web page – stpaulsmassillon.org



Get Connected to St Paul's through our new Phone App.



Go to your Google or Apple app store on your smart phone and download the My Church App. ***It is a free download.***

Open the app and search for St Paul's by typing **STPLC APP**. Then click on the St Paul's logo. That's it. You will be able to send and receive prayer requests, view past worship services, give electronically, receive notifications on upcoming events and much, much more.

Thursday Morning Bible Study Beginning Late January



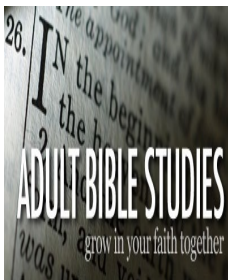
The DIFFICULT WORDS of JESUS

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO HIS MOST PERPLEXING TEACHINGS

The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings by Amy-Jill Levine

Sometimes Jesus taught things that his followers found---and still find---confusing and contrary. Levine examines how instructions about hating your parents, selling what you own, referring to "your father the devil," and more would have sounded to those who first heard them, have been understood over time, and can be interpreted within the context of the gospel.

Sunday Adult Bible Class



We'll be wrapping up our study of Hebrews in the coming weeks. These last lessons do not require that you've been in on the study from the beginning. You'll be blessed by looking carefully at these final chapters and enjoying the fellowship of this gathering. We meet on the top floor of Parish Hall immediately following the Sunday morning worship service. An elevator is available for easy access.

Out of an abundance of caution, we unfortunately did not meet as a class in January because of the high numbers of infected individuals and hospitalizations in the Stark County area due to the coronavirus. A decision to meet in February is contingent upon improved community-wide statistics indicating less spread. Thank you for your patience and kind understanding.



*Be the difference.
Be a Hospice Volunteer.*



**HOSPICE OF THE
WESTERN RESERVE**

*Hospice is a philosophy of care, not a place.
We care for our patients wherever they call home.*

Remote Volunteer Opportunities

- ▶ *Make phone calls to patients***
- ▶ *Create and/or provide volunteer training*

In-person Opportunities

- ▶ *Attorney**, Notary*
- ▶ *Life's Treasures Thrift Shop Volunteers***
- ▶ *Respite*
- ▶ *Social Visits*
- ▶ *End of Life Doula*
- ▶ *Pet Peace of Mind*
- ▶ *Dietary volunteers at the Medina Inpatient Unit***
- ▶ *Veterans Visiting Veterans/recognition (also Virtual)*
- ▶ *Fit testing for N-95 masks and Rapid Covid Testing of staff*

Why Volunteer?

- ▶ *Give back*
- ▶ *Pay it forward*
- ▶ *Help others*
- ▶ *Share your talents*
- ▶ *Explore new experiences*
- ▶ *Be a role model*
- ▶ *Strengthen your community*
- ▶ *Connect to others*

Virtual Classes start monthly

***** Greatest Needs***

For more information,
visit **hospicewr.org/volunteer**, call **216.255.9090**
or email **volunteering@hospicewr.org**

Cathedral Concerts in the Evening
Concert Series of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Presents:



Two Men and a Bench

(Chad Pittman and Mark Thewes)

February 25, 2022

7:00 pm

***Reception follows the program**

Since they formed the duo in Fall 2013, the two have presented concerts throughout northeast Ohio, for Shiloh United Church of Christ (Dayton, OH), Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (Pittsburgh, PA), Methuen Memorial Music Hall (Methuen, MA), National City Christian Church (Washington, D.C.), National Cathedral (Washington D.C.), Bethesda By-the-Sea Episcopal Church (Palm Beach, FL), and Memorial Presbyterian Church (St. Augustine, FL). Performing new arrangements of music, including major works, they have opened several concert series programs for multiple venues.

Chad Pittman is Director of Choirs at Northwest High School in Stark County, where he conducts an active choral program of seven choirs, serves as music director of the annual musical, and assists at Northwest Middle School. He also serves as Director of Music and Organist for St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Massillon, where he leads the adult and children's vocal and bell choirs, facilitates a weekly program of guest artists in worship, and coordinates *Cathedral Concerts in the Evening*, the church's newly established professional concert series. He is co-founder of *Two Men and a Bench*, a traveling organ duo, with duet partner Mark Thewes. Since 2013, the two have presented concerts in churches and concert halls across the country, including the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. He is currently a doctoral student in music at Kent State University and studies in the summer Choral Conducting program at Michigan State University. He holds the Master of Educational Administration from Cleveland State University and a Bachelor of Music Education and Organ Performance from the Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music. When not making music or spending time with amazing students and colleagues, he enjoys traveling, collecting old/vintage vacuum cleaners, and spending time with his many cats!

Mark Thewes is a resident of Massillon and has just begun his appointment as Minister of Music for Massillon's St. Joseph Parish. He previously served as full-time Organist-Director of Music at Westbrook Park United Methodist Church, Canton for 44 years. Mark attended St. Clements grade school, where he started playing for Masses in 6th grade, and then went to Central Catholic High School. He holds both a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree of Music in Organ Performance from the University of Akron, and has received his certification in Church Music from Baldwin Wallace University. He is a past Dean of the American Guild of Organists (AGO), Canon chapter, and is a published composer with Morning Star Publishing Co., CPP Belwin-Warner Bros. Co., Abingdon Press, and Beckenhurst Music. Mark is an Adjunct Professor of music (organ) at Malone University and accompanist for *A Chorus for a Cause*, a community chorus, based in Canton.

St. Jacob Euchre Night:

February 12, 2022

Where: St. Jacob Social Hall

Arrival Time: 5:30 pm

Tournament: 5:50 to 9:00 P.M.

What to bring: A snack to share

Pop and Coffee provided

There is a \$5.00 donation



We hope some of your congregation at St. Paul's in Massillon will come to enjoy the fun, fellowship, and food. You will note there is a \$5.00 donation. This goes toward prizes and a contribution to a need identified by the group.

**RSVP by Friday, February 11, to Sue Phillabaum
at smphillabaum@hotmail.com or**

Carolyn Carasea at c.carasea@gmail.com

2022 Upcoming Euchre Date

March 12th



The Scholarship Committee proudly approved this semester's scholarship recipients. The following members are continuing to pursue a higher education, and have received a scholarship.

Previous Renewals:

Aaliyah Litman
Audrey Hepler
Caroline Deerwester
Amelia Deerwester
Aaron Inkinen



New Recipient:

Lauren Klein - pursuing her Master's in Nursing Leadership

Please continue to pray for these individuals as they navigate their studies.

Community Closet

The community closet continues to be a highlight for our meal attendees. Thank you for all of the donations and to the committed volunteers. Lots of help for the closet as well comes from the community itself. We have several visitors that arrive the day of the meal to assist just with the closet. We are so grateful for their assistance, but we do need more help. An official sorting day and time is being established for the 2nd Wednesday of the month 8:30am-10:30am. I, Lea Lang, will be in attendance and for anyone who wishes to join please let me know prior to so I know to expect you. If you decide last minute to attend, please come to the lower door and knock loudly so we can let you in. Volunteers are also needed for the day of the meal when the closet is open from 4:30-6pm (2nd Friday of the month).

Also, I am excited to announce the closest new fund-raising initiative. We occasionally receive clothing that does not fit the needs of our clientele but does have resale value. I am very selectively pulling vintage and possibility other resellable garments, working with a trusted local and online consignment small business for them to sell in order for us to have money to purchase gift cards for shoes, new socks, new underwear etc. We often re-donate to other organizations as well when we have an abundance but this way the closet becomes even more purposeful at meeting the demands of our clients' needs.

If you have any questions regarding the community closet, please do not hesitate to contact me, Lea Lang by text or call to 330-224-2263 Thank You!



THANK YOU!

The staff would like to thank the members of the Congregation for their very generous Christmas gifts to the staff. It is truly appreciated and we feel blessed to work at St. Paul's.

Thank you,
Chad, Eddie, Pastor Mark, & Tracie S.

Christ Presbyterian Church

Concert Series 2021-2022
Spencer Myer, Piano

Friday, February 4th
7:00p.m.



Free and open to the public
Available live-streamed



530 Tuscarawas St. West
Downtown Canton

www.cantonepc.org



1. Andrew Lang, Michael McGraw
2. Linda Gesen
3. David Burkett, Connie Downey, Carla Myers
4. David Dourm
5. Mary Jo Theiss
6. Alyson Dunlap
11. Cindy Lash
12. Carole Fisher, Cheryl Shaw
15. Marcia Wright, Gladys Zepp
16. Richard Cordes, Tyler Myer
18. Aaron Inkinen
19. Lawrence Oberlin
20. Ryan Hostetler
22. Deborah Brown, Alexis Juergensen
26. Barbara Crofut
29. Louise Diuk



Wednesday 2/2

Groundhog Day

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

Thursday, 2/3

10:00 am Bible Study

Sunday, 2/6

10:00 am Worship

Tuesday, 2/8

11:00 am Omega Circle –Gleitsman Lounge

7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, 2/9

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

Thursday, 2/10

10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, 2/11

4:30-6:00 pm Community Meal

4:30-6:00 pm Clothes Closet

Sunday, 2/13

10:00 am Worship

Tuesday, 2/15

Bridge deadline

6:00 pm Finance Committee

Wednesday, 2/16

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

Thursday, 2/17

10:00 am Bible Study

Sunday, 2/20

10:00 am Worship

Monday, 2/21

President's Day

Wednesday, 2/23

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

Thursday, 2/24

10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, 2/25

7:00 pm Two Men & A Bench

Sunday 2/27

10:00 am Worship

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