

# The Bridge

"Connecting Church and Home"

APRIL 2022



## *Holy Week Schedule*

*Maundy Thursday - April 14 at 7:00pm*

*Good Friday - April 15 at 7:00pm*

*Easter Sunday - April 17 at 8:00am and 10:00am*

**Omega Circle**  
**Tuesday, April 12th**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Gleitsman Lounge**

**Friendship Circle**  
**Thursday, April 7th**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Gleitsman Lounge**

**Community Meal**  
**And**  
**Clothes Closet**  
**Friday, April 8th**  
**Parish Hall Dining Room**  
**4:30 - 6:00**

## **PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's so easy to pass judgment on others, isn't it? Jesus could have just as well been talking to us when he said, "Why do you worry about the speck that is in your neighbor's eye, but pay no attention to the 2" x 4" protruding from your own eye?" (Paraphrase) We all do it, don't we? We look for flaws in others and ignore our own. Actually, that is not too surprising.

Let me tell you a true story. Back in 1893 there was a group of four sisters. The Cherry Sisters they called themselves, who made their stage debut in Cedar Rapids in a skit they wrote themselves. For three years, the Cherry Sisters performed to packed theaters throughout the Midwest. People came to see them to find out if they were as bad as they had heard. Their unbelievably atrocious acting enraged critics and provoked the audience to throw vegetables at the would-be actresses. Wisely, the sisters thought it best to travel with an iron screen which they would erect in front of the stage in self-defense.

Amazingly, in 1896 the girls were offered a thousand dollars a week to perform on Broadway -- not because they were so good, but because they were so unbelievably bad. Seven years later, after the Cherry Sisters had earned what in that day was a respectable fortune of \$200,000, they retired from the stage for the peaceful life back on the farm. Oddly enough, these successful Broadway "stars" remained convinced to the end that they were truly the most talented actresses ever to grace the American stage. They never had a clue as to how bad they truly were!

The parable of the prodigal son does not tell us what the elder brother did when his father came out to speak to him. It doesn't reveal to us whether he realized that his envy and disdain had made him just as bad as his younger brother. Yes, the elder brother had never stooped to find himself in the pigpens of life. He would never have been caught dead carousing with prostitutes or wasting his resources in riotous living but in the end his refusal to rejoice at the return of his sinful brother was, to Jesus, just as offensive.

Why are we commanded not to judge one another? Because we're no good at playing God. Until we can love as God loves, then we cannot judge as God judges. But let us strive every day toward greater holiness and greater love, so that our own thoughts and actions will be acceptable in God's sight.

Blessings,  
Pastor Mark



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by the 15th of the month. Thanks!

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\* at 330-832-5798 if you would \*  
\* like to have the Altar or Throne \*  
\* Flowers for 2022. Or sign up in \*  
\* the hallway across from the \*  
\* Gleitsman Lounge. \*  
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Please note:  
Office hours  
Tuesday—Friday  
9:00 am—1:00 pm

### Our Sympathies

Our Sympathies are extended to the family of Marcie Waltz who passed into the Church Triumphant March 15th. She was laid to rest on the 22nd. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Our Sympathies are extended to the family of Joseph Ehret who passed into the Church Triumphant March 1st. He was laid to rest on the 5th. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Mission Endowment Fund committee members have adopted a new form for making nominations. This form is available by request from a committee member (listed on the page 3). If you have an organization or cause for consideration Mission Endowment Funds, please request the form and submit the details for consideration.



Baby Caroline, Betty Ayers, Renee Brown, Chris Collard, Matthew Cottle, 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, Robert David Keefer, Josh Keller, Bob Kirsch, Barbara Korn, Paula Kritzer, Matthew Kronenwetter, Dan Landig, Anna Langenfeld, Scott & Darlene Lewis, Maria Lichtenberger, Karen Lunkwitz, Jennifer Mays, Ron Meimer, Cheryl Myers, Jim Myers, Lynne Nunley, Karen Painter, David Paul, Russ Poling, Ann Pratt, Carol Rohr, Cheryl Shaw, Chrissy Sturtz, Angela Sutter, Gloria Talarico, Donna Viles, Kyle Whelan, Sherrie Whelan, Amy White, Doug & Becky White, Mike Zigelhofer, Dr. Donald Zimmerman, Matt & Jen.

## **Assisting Ministers**

### **For April**

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](mailto:karlkal@msn.com)

**April 3rd:** Patty Long

**April 10th:** Karl Kalk

**April 14th:** Dave Stoner

**April 17th:** Scott Larson

**April 24th:** Andrew Lang



## **April Communion Assistants**

**April 3rd:** David Stoner & Scott Larson

**April 10th:** Lea Lang & Greg Klein

**April 14th:** Carol Stoner & Amy Burkett

**April 17th (8am):** Don Gray & Eric Myers

**April 17th (10am):** Patty Long & Tracie Schmolt

**April 24th:** David Stoner & Scott Larson

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](mailto:KarlKal@msn.com)

### **April Lay Lector** Patty Long

## **April Ushers**

Greg & Lynda Klein

Adam & Jennifer Johnson

If you are interested in becoming an Usher please contact Dick Longworth via phone at 330.756.2943 or email at [richardlongworth7569@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Kkirk124@yahoo.com) or 330.854.6137

**INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2021- 2022 MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY**

February		YTD	
Income	\$ 19,444	Income	\$ 172,188
Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 2,318	Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 34,291
Expenses	\$ 23,679	Expenses	\$ 219,048
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (1,917)	Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (12,569)

*Just a friendly reminder: 2021 Thrivent Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2022.*

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**Offering Envelopes**

Please email Tracie Schmolt at [financeadmin@stpaulsmassillon.org](mailto:financeadmin@stpaulsmassillon.org) by April 30th if you would like offering envelopes for the next fiscal year (July 2022-June 2023). Please let us know if you'd like monthly or weekly giving envelopes.  
Thanks!

**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.



### March 2022 Community Meal and Community Closet

Seventy-one (71) people attended our monthly Community Meal and Community Closet on Friday, March 11. All enjoyed a dinner of meatloaf mac and cheese, green beans, dinner roll, choice of beverage, and cookies for dessert. In February our attendance was 43. As you can see, more people are coming. Despite the increased number, we had enough food, with seconds, for all.

Almost everyone paid a visit to the Community Closet. With a wide array of items to choose from, many of our attendees spent more time in the Community Closet than at the Community Meal. We are truly blessed that we can provide such a wonderful gift offering to our community.

Our monthly “special additional needs” offering for those in attendance was again a success. This is an initiative sponsored by the Ladies Book Club and has proven to be a wonderful compliment to both the Community Meal and the Community Closet. Visitors can choose among common household needs 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.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our ministry here, so please don't be shy if you want to see how your time and talent can be utilized. Please contact either Jack Fortune at 330-874-3525 or Lea Lang at 330-224-2263 to explore possibilities.

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, April 8, 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](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](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](http://stpaulsmassillon.org)



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



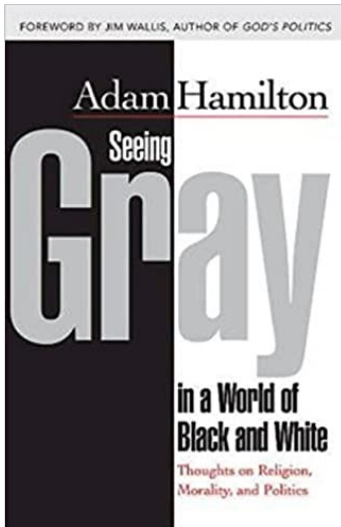
Go to your Google or Apple app store on your smart phone and download the My Church App. ***It is a free download.***

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

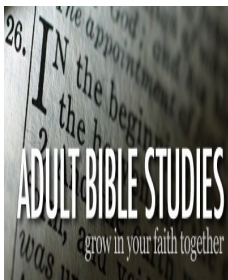
Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White - Beginning April 6th



Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White is a hard-hitting call for Christians to examine issues of political and social import with increased depth and acumen.

Everyone agrees that America is polarized, with ever-hardening positions held by people less and less willing to listen to one another. No one agrees on what to do about it. One solution that hasn't yet been tried, says Adam Hamilton, is for thinking persons of faith to model for the rest of the country a richer, more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide us. Hamilton rejects the easy assumptions and sloppy analysis of black and white thinking, seeking instead the truth that resides on all sides of the issues, and offering a faithful and compassionate way forward.

## Sunday Adult Bible Class



As we continue through the season of Lent approaching Holy Week and Easter, we will focus our study and thoughts on the sacrificial work of Christ and the “God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep...” (Hebrews 13:20). Please join us as we meet for fellowship and Bible study immediately following the Sunday morning worship service, top floor of Parish Hall. An elevator is available for easy access.

(Note: No class on Easter Sunday.)

## THANK YOU!

Thank-you to everyone who supported God's Kitchen Angels by buying soup! We made over 300 quarts! That's a lot of work and fun and fellowship! All members that are homebound will get a quart of soup. We made over \$2,0000 of which will go to good causes at our church and to local nonprofit agencies in the area. Thanks again for your support! God's Blessings to you all!  
Sue Ambrosic and all of God's Kitchen Angels

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### ***When This is Over***

*(referring to the COVID pandemic)*

By Laura Kelly Fanucci

When this is over,  
may we never again  
take for granted  
A handshake with a stranger  
Full shelves at the store  
Conversations with neighbors  
A crowded theater  
Friday night out  
The taste of communion  
A routine checkup  
The school rush each morning  
Coffee with a friend  
The stadium roaring  
Each deep breath  
A boring Tuesday  
Life itself.

When this ends  
may we find  
that we have become  
more like the people  
we wanted to be  
we were called to be  
we hoped to be  
and may we stay  
that way — better  
for each other  
because of the worst.



Many heartfelt thanks for your prayers, cards, food, calls and visits during my recent accident and recovery. You uplifted my spirits.

Sincerely, Carol Stoner

# *Cathedral Concerts in the Evening*

Concert Series of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Presents:**



**University of Michigan Men's Glee Club**

**Sunday April 3, 2022**

**3:00 pm**

The University of Michigan Men's Glee Club is the second oldest collegiate chorus in the United States, and has long been acclaimed as one of the finest male choruses in the world. It is the oldest musical group on campus, as well as the oldest student organization at the University. Once only a group of six or eight men, it has blossomed into a group of over 100 men representing a majority of the schools and colleges at the University of Michigan.

**St. Jacob Euchre Night:**

**April 9, 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, April 8th, to Sue Phillabaum at [smphillabaum@hotmail.com](mailto:smphillabaum@hotmail.com) or  
Carolyn Carasea at [c.carasea@gmail.com](mailto:c.carasea@gmail.com)**

**2022 Upcoming Euchre Date**

**May 14th**





## **Update regarding Baby Caroline from Becky Johnson**

To my dear church family and pray warriors:

So many have been faithful about praying for my niece's daughter Caroline who has a very rare form of cancer. Caroline turned one in September 2021. She was diagnosed right before her first birthday. The cancer did spread to her liver and lungs. She is being cared for by the medical staff at Nationwide Children's hospital in Columbus. Caroline is presently going through stem cell transplant.

Caroline's dad Mark and her mom Emily, my niece, has such strong faith. They actually inspire my faith in our Lord and Savior. I just wanted to share with you Emily's last post.

Thank you for your continued prayers as she finishes her second stem cell transplant

Becky Johnson



### **Caroline Conquers Cancer**

March 24 at 12:40pm

Day +10. WE HAVE AN ANC!

Caroline's ANC was 200 today! 🥳🥳🥳 she's been dealing with a lot of mucus/puking as her little GI tract is healing up with these new cells, it kinda gets worse before it gets better. BUT we know we are just around the corner from our sweet girl feeling so much better. GO CAROLINE GO!

Her team decided it was best to take out the PICC line that was the cause of her blood stream infection. So we removed that this morning... having one less tubie is never a bad thing! She's rocking and rolling with just her port right now.

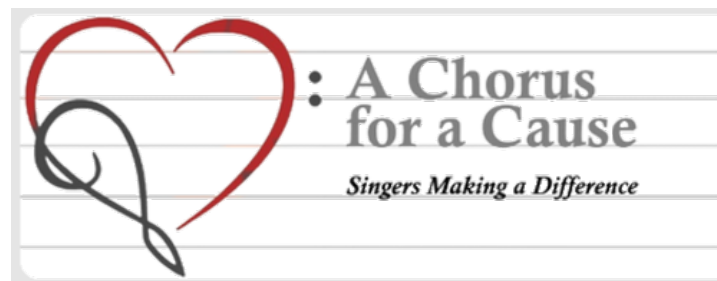
Thankful for your prayers. We are on our way to being engrafted and hopefully home in the next week or so 🙏🙏🙏

The next step for Caroline will be CT scan to see how her disease has responded to these two stem cell transplants. We are praying the lesions in her liver and lung are GONE. If the cancer has been responding, we will proceed with a third stem cell transplant. We are praying and believing this will be the final step in Caroline's total healing. Thank you for courageously battling this journey with us over the last 5 months...we can't tell you how much your prayers mean to us!

"They cried out to God during the battle, and he answered their prayer because they trusted in him." 1 Chronicles 5:20

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**Presents:**



**A Chorus for a Cause**  
**Saturday April 9, 2022**  
**7:00 pm**



**Malone University Choral Program**  
**Saturday April 23, 2022**  
**7:00 pm**

Under the direction of Dr. Marin Jacobson, the Malone University Chorale has sung with the Canton Symphony and is known throughout the United States and Europe for their high level of musical excellence. Their diverse repertoire of sacred choral music draws from a range of cultures and composers, sung to give glory to God and refresh the spirit.

Malone University of Canton, Ohio is affiliated with the Evangelical Friends Church and has provided education in the arts, sciences and professions since 1892.





1. Hailey Carano
2. Grace Deerwester
3. Veronica Kreemer
7. Anneliese Daniels
10. Robert Stuck
13. Cindy Scott
14. Susan Carter
15. Jensen Dunlap, Aaliyah Litman
17. Benson Moden, Beth Starrett
19. Larry Stoner
20. Abbie Deuble, Daniel Lint
21. Karen Okey
22. Marilyn Norton
23. Robin Cordes
24. Becky Johnson, Nancy Lint
25. James Hannum
27. Deidra Monastra
30. Junna Kobayashi, Jim Stevens



### **Sunday, 4/3**

10:00 am Worship

3:00 pm University of Michigan Men's Glee Club

### **Wednesday 4/6**

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

6:30 pm - Lenten Service-Grace UCC

### **Thursday, 4/7**

10:00 am Bible Study

6:00 pm Friendship Circle - Gleitsman Lounge

### **Friday, 4/8**

4:30-6:00 pm Community Meal

4:30-6:00 pm Clothes Closet

### **Saturday, 4/9**

7:00 pm A Chorus for a Cause of Canton

### **Sunday, 4/10 - Palm Sunday**

10:00 am Worship

### **Tuesday, 4/12**

1:00 pm Omega Circle – Gleitsman Lounge

7:00 pm Church Council

### **Wednesday, 4/13**

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

### **Thursday, 4/14 - Maundy Thursday**

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

### **Friday, 4/15 - Good Friday**

7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Bridge deadline

### **Sunday, 4/17 - Easter**

8:00 am Worship

10:00 am Worship

(No Adult Sunday School)

### **Tuesday, 4/19**

6:00 pm Finance Committee

### **Wednesday, 4/20**

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

### **Thursday, 4/21**

10:00 am Bible Study

### **Saturday, 4/23**

7:00 pm Malone University Choral Program

### **Sunday, 4/24**

10:00 am Worship

### **Wednesday, 4/27**

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

### **Thursday, 4/28**

10:00 am Bible Study

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10:00 A.M. SERVICE

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