

# The Bridge

"Connecting Church and Home"

JULY 2022

Come watch the Independence Day Massillon fireworks on July 3rd, from St. Paul's Lutheran Church. There is a spectacular view from the 1st street hillside. The church Fellowship Committee will be providing complimentary frozen treats for the spectators. Bring your friends and enjoy the evening. Fireworks begin at 9:45 pm. Treats will be available from 8:30 pm until showtime (while supplies last).

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

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

## 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.

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Friends in Christ,

What Super Power Would You Choose?

When you were a kid what superpower did you want to have? Flying like Superman? Scaling tall buildings like Spiderman? What superpower did you want to have and how did you want to use it?

I thought about that recently when I saw a question which was posted on the website forum Reddit. The question was, "If you could have a useless superpower, what would it be?" Did you catch that- **a useless superpower?**

Here's one response that came into that question: "The ability to win at rock- paper-scissors every single time." Well, I guess that certainly is a useless superpower.

Here are some other responses: "Whenever I pick up a sock, the sock next to it would become the matching one." O. K.

One guy responded: "The power to be able to slam a revolving door."

Another said, "When I catch a cold, the ability to know exactly where and when I got it." I guess that would be for the purpose of retribution or today contact tracers would love for people to have that power.

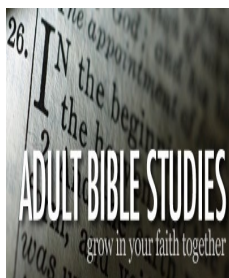
And finally, "Always knowing when to use a semicolon." That must be for an English major.

What about you? What useless superpower would you wish for? It's a fun question to consider because we all want to believe that we have untapped powers within us, and that we would have the courage to use those untapped powers if a need ever arises.

In today's world, I think I would choose the superpower of listening, to really hear what someone else is saying. If we had this power, we might be able to put ourselves in someone else's shoes. We would be able to see and feel another person's pain. With this power, we might find common ground and find the unity and freedom we have in Christ.

As we celebrate the Fourth of July in our wounded and divided country let's seek out the superpower of listening.

Blessings,  
Pastor Mark



### **Sunday Adult Bible Class**

The Sunday Adult Bible class will break for the summer months and resume the Sunday following Labor Day, September 11th. God's blessings to you!

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Please email Bridge articles to  
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by the 15th of the month. Thanks!

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 \* Please contact Sue Ambrosic  
 \* 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

**Save the Date:** August 21, 2022

**What:** Annual Church Picnic

**Where:** St Paul's Lutheran Church

**Time:** Immediately following Worship Service



Fellowship Committee is currently looking for volunteers to help with games, adult and youth, face painting, and grills and grillers. We also plan to have the sanctuary open for our beautiful stained glass windows history tour.

Bring your friends and family for a day of fellowship and fun.

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, Larry Allen, Betty Ayers, Renee Brown, Susan Carter, Chris Collard, Matthew Cottle, Jim Dehnke, Pam Dekowski, Jean Dexter, Ken Dexter, Teri Dew, Hazel Draper, Mark Duris, Maria Garton, Mark Griffith, Robert Haas, Sara Hughes, Ray Jones, Josh Keller, Barbara Korns, Paula Kritzer, Matthew Kronenwetter, Dan Landig, Anna Langenfeld, Scott & Darlene Lewis, Maria Lichtenberger, Dan Lint, Nancy Lint, Karen Lunkwitz, Jennifer Mays, Ron Meimer, Cheryl Myers, Lynne Nunley, Karen Painter, David Paul, Russ Poling, Ann Pratt, Carol Rohr, Cheryl Shaw, Katheryn Sheets, Larry Sheets, Chrissy Sturtz, Angela Sutter, Gloria Talarico, Donna Viles, Kyle Whelan, Sherrie Whelan, Amy White, Mike Zigelhofer, Matt & Jen.

## **Assisting Ministers** **For July**

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)

**July 3rd:** Karl Kalk

**July 10th:** Patty Long

**July 17th:** Veronica Kreemer

**July 24th:** Scott Larson

**July 31st:** Andrew Lang



## **July Communion Assistants**

**July 3rd:** Eric Myers & Don Gray

**July 10th:** Cindy Lash & Tracie Schmolt

**July 17th:** Patty Long & Scott Larson

**July 24th:** Lea Lang & Greg Klein

**July 31st:** Carol Stoner & Amy Burkett



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)

## **July Lay Lector**

Lynda Klein

## **July Greeters:**

If you are interested in Becoming a greeter, please Contact Karl Kalk via phone At 330.904.9797 or email at [karlkal@msn.com](mailto:karlkal@msn.com)

**July 3rd:** Dick & Robin Cordes

**July 10th:** Debbie Stevens

**July 17th:** Gary Collard

**July 24th:** Craig Maurer

**July 31st:** Greg & Lynda Klein

## **July Ushers**

Karl Kalk

Craig Maurer

Jack and Marilyn Norton

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

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

May		YTD	
Income	\$ 29,542	Income	\$ 251,393
Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 2,083	Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 46,095
Expenses	\$ 25,594	Expenses	\$ 303,810
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 6,031	Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (6,322)

*Offering envelopes are available. Please see Dan Farrar or Tracie Schmolt after worship on Sunday. They will be available in the church office during office hours or they can be mailed to you.*

*\*\* Please remember July has 5 Sundays \*\**

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**JUNE COMMUNITY MEAL AND COMMUNITY CLOSET**

St. Paul's hosted our monthly Community Meal and Community Closet Friday, May 13. A total of 77 meals were served. The number last month was 79, so we seem to have leveled off.

It was an early summer feel as we served up a choice of a croissant sandwich with either egg salad or ham salad, baked beans, potato chips, a choice of beverage, and a cupcake for dessert. The Community Closet was visited by many of those who came to eat. We have separate rooms for men and women's clothing and both are well stocked. Your generosity of donations has been wonderful! Thank you!

Our monthly "special additional needs" initiative was in full swing on Friday night. This part of the ministry, sponsored by the Ladies Book Club, has proven to be a wonderful compliment to both the Community Meal and the Community Closet. It provides our visitors choices of common household needs such as paper towels, Kleenex, and other assorted items. These are made available and distributed one per family.

It never ceases to amaze me the generosity of this church. Despite increasing costs, we find a way to keep this ministry alive and viable. We are so thankful that our members love the Lord and support this ministry.

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, July 8, from 4:30 to 6:00. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

Jack and Marsha Fortune

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**Lutheran Community Picnic**  
**At the Family Living Center on Lincoln Way**  
**Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00-7:30 PM**

St Paul's and all the other ELCA Churches in Massillon are coming together in fellowship and service and the whole community is invited. Each family is invited to bring a dish (Salad, Casserole, or Dessert) to share. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided.

Please park on one of the side streets and make your way to the parking lot behind the Comquest Family Living Center.



***Music Notes***  
***From Chad Pittman, Director of Music***

***CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!***

After a lengthy two year recess due to the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are excited to announce that regular musical activities, rehearsals, and offerings in worship will resume once again!

I look forward to joyfully welcoming back all regular singers/ringers and greeting new musicians to our ranks! The opportunity to make music in worship with this particularly amazing church family is truly incredible. I am always inspired by the reactions of new singers and ringers experiencing our wonderful music ministry for the first time. If you have ever thought about it, won't you join us this year? This supportive, fun and talented musical family is for all, no matter where you are on your musical journey. Come worship, learn, grow, and enjoy meaningful fellowship!

***REFORMATION RINGERS BELL CHOIR***

Wednesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm

***CHANCEL VOCAL CHOIR***

Wednesdays from 7:30pm-9:00pm

\*Rehearsals will begin Wednesday September 7, 2022 after Labor Day

\*Anybody who wishes to offer musical talents as a soloist or with a small group in worship services are welcome and highly encouraged to contact Chad!

***Cathedral Concerts in the Evening***

Special thanks to all who made our partial 2022 season of Cathedral Concerts in the Evening a tremendous success! Our concert series brought extremely talented artists and performing groups to our beautiful space, uniting our congregation and greater Northeast Ohio community in worship, fellowship, and outreach.

I am grateful to all performers, attendees, volunteers (ushers, reception facilitation, sanctuary preparation, program creation), the Music and Worship Committee members, Pastor Mark Kreemer, and our incredibly generous sponsors (please see the back of any concert program) for making this possible.

We are currently planning an active and exciting 2022-2023 season. Have an idea for a concert? Want to sponsor the series or a specific concert in honor/memory of a loved one? Please don't hesitate to contact Chad. Our series is only possible with the support and generosity of our congregation and community!

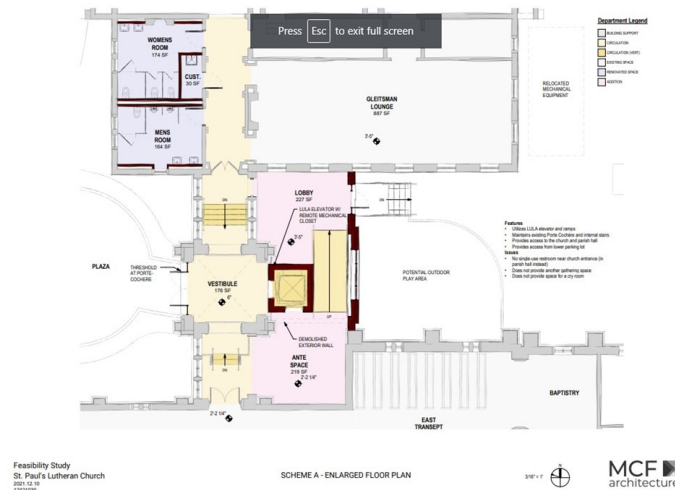


## Feasibility Study Results

Below are proposals that were put together for St Paul's by MCF Architecture. These proposals addressed the needs to become more handicap friendly, accessible bathrooms, a welcome space at the most used entrance to the sanctuary, and a "cry space" for parents and children. At our August meeting we will make a decision regarding how to move forward. We may choose one of these two proposals or prioritize parts of either proposal (such as the bathrooms, stairs to the back parking lot or a children's play space).

Please make time to come to one of three meetings following worship on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the lounge immediately following worship.

### Proposal 1



Entrance (Looking toward Sanctuary)



Front Entrance



Rear Entrance

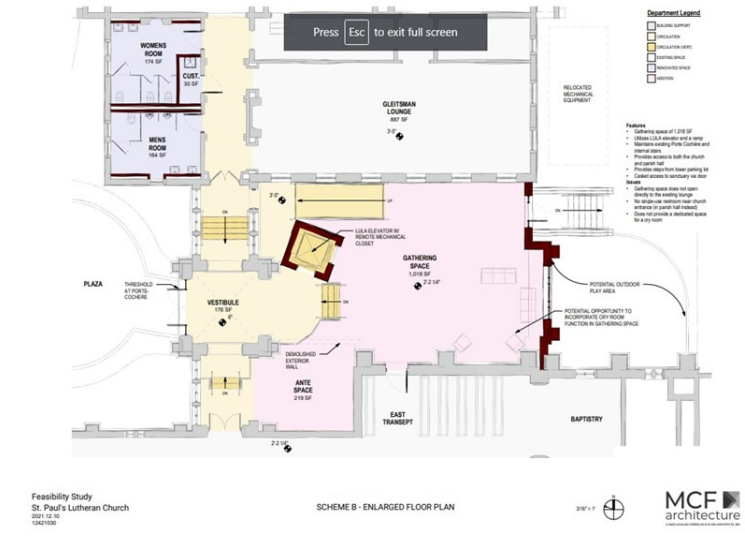


Looking from Sanctuary towards Parish Hall





## Proposal 2



View from Parish Hall (Down Ramp)



Rear Entrance

Entrance



View from Back Entrance



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

**Presents:**



**Chad Pittman, organist**  
**Friday August 26, 2022**  
**7:00 pm**

\*Carillon Prelude at 6:30 pm

\*Reception follows the concert

**Music of Arne, Buxtehude, Franck, Guilmant, Linker, Locklair, Paine, Thewes, Walton, Yukl...and others**

Chad Pittman is Director of Choirs at Northwest High School in Canal Fulton and Director of Music and Organist for St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Massillon. He is co-founder of *Two Men and a Bench*, a traveling organ duo, with duet partner Mark Thewes.

A doctoral student in music at Kent State University, he also 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.

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**St. Jacob Euchre Night:**

**July 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, July 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**  
**August 13th**



1. Deborah Hoffman
4. Alayna Dunlap
5. Diana Burns, Robert Lewis, Donna Viles
9. Marie Stoner
10. David Allman
11. Jackson Lang
13. Larissa Haring, Mary Ann Poling
16. Anna Langenfeld
17. Daniel Bennett
20. Kathryn Sheets
22. Jacqueline Pritchett
24. Ricky Richards
27. Betty Ayers
29. Caroline Deerwester, Allison Lang
30. Robert Englehart, Emma Lafferty



### **Sunday, 7/3**

10:00 am Worship

9:45 pm Massillon Independence Fireworks

### **Monday, 7/4**

4th of July Holiday

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

6:00 pm Friendship Circle - Gleitsman Lounge

### **Friday, 7/8**

4:30-6:00 pm Community Meal

4:30-6:00 pm Clothes Closet

### **Saturday, 7/9**

5:30 pm Euchre night at St Jacob's

### **Sunday, 7/10**

10:00 am Worship

### **Tuesday, 7/12**

7:00 pm Church Council

### **Friday, 7/15**

Bridge deadline

### **Sunday, 7/17**

10:00 am Worship

### **Tuesday, 7/19**

6:00 pm Finance Committee

### **Friday, 7/22**

6:00 pm Lutheran Community Picnic (see page 6)

### **Sunday, 7/24**

10:00 am Worship

### **Sunday, 7/31**

10:00 am Worship

### **Save the dates:**

Sunday, August 21: Church picnic

Friday, August 26: Chad Pittman, Organ concert

Monday, August 29: Red Cross Blood Drive

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## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

10:00 A.M. SERVICE

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