

The Bridge

"Connecting Church and Home"

JUNE 2022

Friendship Circle
Thursday, June 2nd
6:00 PM
Gleitsman Lounge

Community Meal
And
Clothes Closet
Friday, June 10th
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,

One of the best newspaper cartoons of all time is Calvin and Hobbes. One day Calvin and Hobbes come marching into the living room early one morning. His mother is seated there in her favorite chair. She is sipping her morning coffee. She looks up at young Calvin. She is amused and amazed at how he is dressed. Calvin's head is encased in a large space helmet. A cape is draped around his neck, across his shoulders, down his back and is dragging on the floor. One hand is holding a flashlight and the other a baseball bat.

"What's up today?" asks his mom.

"Nothing, so far," answers Calvin.

"So far?" she questions.

"Well, you never know," Calvin says, "Something could happen today." Then Calvin marches off, "And if anything does, by golly, I'm going to be ready for it!"

Calvin's mom looks out at the reading audience and she says, "I need a suit like that!"

That's the way many of us feel as we see the news and deal with life. Sometimes this world seems quite violent and people seem to be at each other's throats. A suit like that would help, so we can say with Calvin, "Whatever may come my way, I'm going to be ready for it! Bring it on!"

Well, I don't have a suit like Calvin's to give you, but I do have word for this morning: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

There is a defining phrase in that statement. One that tells us what kind of peace it is that Christ gives us. The defining phrase is: "Not as the world gives." Do you see how that defines God's peace? The world promises peace through the rule of law. Law and order is the only way for a society and a people to experience peace and law and order must be kept by the aggressive use of force. That's the only way that the world can bring about peace.

We have all been asked by our children: if you could have any wish what would it be? I think the most common answer given is world peace. Peace is important. Jesus makes a point to tell his disciples that he going to leave them with peace. Peace is part a vital part of our faith. Let's look a little closer at what Jesus means by peace:

"Peace," Jesus said, "I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." You can then read between the lines of Jesus' words: This new covenant is not a covenant of land or the strength of one's government.; it is a covenant of my blood. It is not a covenant of nation building; it is a covenant of relation building. He is telling his disciples:

You no longer live on land; you live on love.

You no longer work for nation; you work for neighbor.

You no longer are under the Law; you are under grace.

You no longer act out of fear; you serve out of joy.

To leave them with anything else would doom them to repeating the mistakes of the past. The nation can no longer be the model for their peace. It is caught in this trap, as is every other nation, of trying to find national political peace. So Jesus has to do something different. He has to change their relationship to God. He has to reshape their lives into something other than countrymen. He has to make them Disciples of The Way. Their theology no longer tied to the nation but tied to Christ, through Christ to the Father.

Blessings,
Pastor Mark

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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.

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

THANK YOU!

Dear friends in Christ,
 Our family would like to thank you for praying for Robert David, my stepson. Although he still has health issues, he has remarkably improved. Your prayers have helped make the difference! Prayers make all things possible! Thank you again.
 Sincerely,
 Vera Keefer

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, Chance Haines, Sara Hughes, Ray Jones, Josh Keller, Barbara Korn, Paula Kritzer, Matthew Kronenwetter, Dan Landig, Anna Langenfeld, Scott & Darlene Lewis, Maria Lichtenberger, Dan Lint, Nancy Lint, Karen Lunkwitz, Jennifer Mays, Ron Meimer, Sarah Moss, Cheryl Myers, Jim Myers, Lynne Nunley, Karen Painter, David Paul, Russ Poling, Ann Pratt, Carol Rohr, Cheryl Shaw, Kathryn Sheets, Larry Sheets, Chrissy Sturtz, Angela Sutter, Gloria Talarico, Donna Viles, Kyle Whelan, Sherrie Whelan, Amy White, Bob Wilson, Mike Zigelhofer, Matt & Jen.

Assisting Ministers

For June

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

June 5th: Scott Larson

June 12th: Andrew Lang

June 19th: Carol Stoner

June 26th: Kathryn Myers



June Communion Assistants

June 5th: Lea Lang & Greg Klein

June 12th: Carol Stoner & Amy Burkett

June 19th: Tracie Schmolt & Eric Myers

June 26th: Patty Long & Don Gray



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

June Lay Lector

Scott Larson

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

June 5th: Sue Ambrosic

June 12th: Rob Pritchett

June 19th: Becky Myers

June 26th: Russ & Mary Ann Poling

June Ushers

Eric & Carla Myers

Jim Starrett

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 APRIL

April		YTD	
Income	\$ 27,079	Income	\$ 221,851
Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 2,365	Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 44,012
Expenses	\$ 26,525	Expenses	\$ 278,216
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 2,920	Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (12,353)

A note from council.

Thank you all who attended the congressional meeting both physically and virtually. We are so grateful for those church members who have served the church, those who are continuing to serve and those who will be starting a new term. We have so many individuals dedicated to seeing our ministries continue and grow.

What a wonderful presentation of solutions to the current church maintenance as well as new ideas for us to consider. I personally was so pleased to see the plans maintained the integrity of the churches original design and beauty while solving so many of our requests. We are looking forward to reflecting on these options and prayerfully considering the needs of our church for our members and our future.

As we all realize the scale of these projects; I'm sure the financial aspect is of great question to many of us. I understand how easy it can be to simply say "we can't" but as I have learned from a wonderful mentor of mine it is far more beneficial to make the mental shift to "how can we?". How can we means how can we be creative in fund raising? How can we means we can't always say no to necessities so how can we make this possible? How can we is a motivation and a charge in the direction of collaborative creative planning. Since serving as the Secretary of PTO at my son's school (St. Barbara in Massillon) we as a group raised thousands of funds with minimal out of pocket cost to us because we reached out to the community. The community has sponsored us as we provided events and activities for the community. There are many ways we can approach financing the proposals and I am personally hopeful that if we all say "How CAN We?", together we can achieve anything we set our mind to.

I can't wait to hear everyone's input as we hold cottage meetings to discuss every detail before making a decision of what is truly best. Please continue to keep this project in prayerful consideration and please write down any questions you might have to bring to the table in our group meetings.

Thank you for your dedication to the wellbeing and legacy of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Blessings,

Lea Lang
Scholarship Committee Chair
Community Closet Director

MAY COMMUNITY MEAL AND COMMUNITY CLOSET

St. Paul's hosted our monthly Community Meal and Community Closet on Friday, May 13. A total of 79 meals were served, up slightly from the previous 2 months. Our menu on this early spring evening consisted of barbequed pork sandwiches, pasta salad, potato chips, a choice of beverage, and a brownie, chocolate cake, or cupcake for dessert. All desserts, and there were many, were donated by a good friend of the congregation. Our increased numbers are reflected in the amount of food we must purchase in order to accommodate. We used 25 pounds of pork roast, 10 pounds of pasta, 4 pounds of potato chips, as well as other assorted things like barbeque sauce, olive oil, various veggies, shredded cheese, etc. It is a major undertaking and we are so thankful to have such a giving church that supports this ministry.

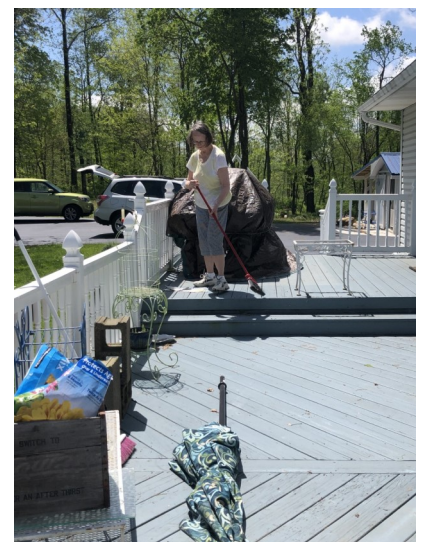
The Community Closet was visited by many of those who came to eat. We have separate rooms for men and women's clothing and both are well stocked. Your generosity of donations has been wonderful! Thank you!

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.

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 and Marsha Fortune

Yes, God's Kitchen Angels do more than make cookies and soup.





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



Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

You've got a fan in Japan! The COVID situation is still pretty bad here, so my wife and I haven't been able to get out and I've been watching your Sunday services on YouTube. I really and sincerely appreciate the meaningful service, the beautiful music, and the inspiring sermons from Pastor Mark. I can participate spiritually in the confession and communion service as well, even if I'm not there in person to receive the sacrament.

I'm originally from Massillon but have been living in Japan almost all of my adult life. I was baptized at St. Paul's by Pastor Long in September 1956 and have been back to attend services in person several times over the years whenever I'm visiting my sister in Massillon.

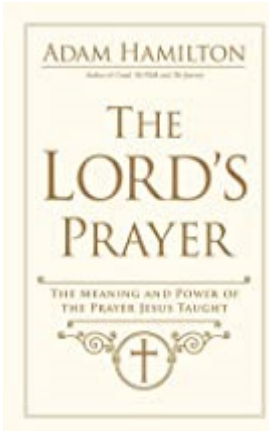
Thank you so much and God bless,

Richard Evanoff

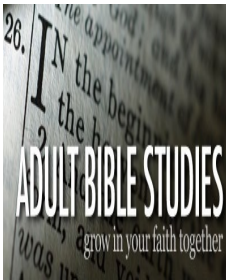
Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Lord's Prayer

The power and significance of the prayer Jesus taught.

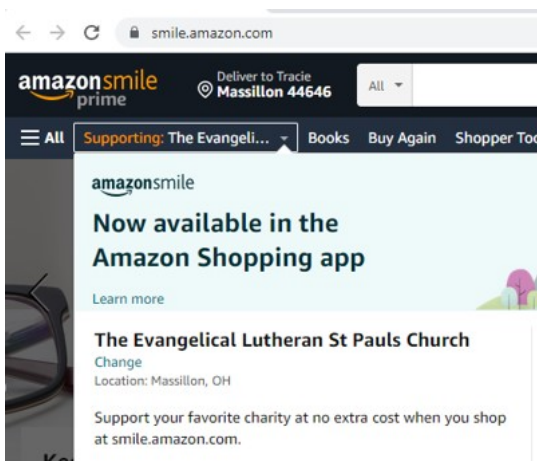


Most Christians know the Lord's Prayer by heart. We pray it often, at different times and in different settings. We remember it as the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. But do we really understand and appreciate the meaning and power of its words, what we ask of God each time we pray it? When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, Jesus gave them this prayer. He likely taught it to his followers often, not just one time. He never intended the Lord's Prayer to be a museum piece, framed and placed on a mantel or in a display case. It was Jesus teaching God's people, through his disciples, how to pray. In this large print version of *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know—and really pray—the Lord's Prayer. He explores each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words. And he teaches us how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life.



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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1. On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you're prompted to select a charitable organization from our list of eligible organizations. You can change your selection at any time.
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Select a new charitable organization to support.

(The Evangelical Lutheran St Pauls Church)

Note: You can also hover over the Supporting notice in the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the **Change** link next to the name of the charity you're currently supporting.

St. Jacob Euchre Night:

June 11, 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, June 10th, to Sue Phillabaum
at smphillabaum@hotmail.com or**

Carolyn Carasea at c.carasea@gmail.com

2022 Upcoming Euchre Date

July 9th

Join Pastor Steven & Brooke Hackmann
Bible Land Exploration
January 16 - 25, 2023



Hosts:
Pastor
Steven
& Brooke
Hackmann



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*A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

(Pastor Steven Hackmann is JuDee Reed's son-in-law & Brooke is her daughter)





2. Mark Waltz
3. Lynette Farrar, Sandra Huth
10. Shane Jackson
12. Jeffrey Akey, Joseph Hepler
17. Brock Burkett, Marissa Cole
18. Mary Hepler, Janice Leone
20. Eleanore Grunden
22. Ed Davila, Rachel Deerwester
23. Faith Hostetler
25. Emily Reiman, David Stoner
30. Madison Moden



Wednesday 6/1

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

Thursday, 6/2

10:00 am Bible Study

6:00 pm Friendship Circle - Gleitsman Lounge

Sunday, 6/5

10:00 am Worship

Wednesday 6/8

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

Friday, 6/10

4:30-6:00 pm Community Meal

4:30-6:00 pm Clothes Closet

Sunday, 6/12

10:00 am Worship

Tuesday, 6/14

7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, 6/15

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

Bridge deadline

Sunday, 6/19

10:00 am Worship

Tuesday, 6/21

6:00 pm Finance Committee

Wednesday, 6/22

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

Sunday, 6/26

10:00 am Worship

Wednesday, 6/28

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

Thursday, 6/29

10:00 am Bible Study

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