



Following the morning worship service on August 14th, we will have an important congregational meeting. The agenda includes voting on the building renovation plans. Please see pages 8 and 9 for more information. Please contact Pastor Mark if you have questions on the plans. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. Thank you!



Friendship Circle
Thursday, August 4th
6:00 PM
Gleitsman Lounge

**Community Meal
And
Clothes Closet
Friday, August 12th
Parish Hall Dining Room
4:30 - 6:00**

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



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Friends in Christ,

Let's say that one day you accidentally rip the only decent pair of jeans you own. So you decide to head to the mall to pay a visit to the Gap to buy a new pair. Let's say you enter the mall same as you always do but are immediately approached by a friend who asks if he can borrow \$5 for some lunch over at the food court. No sooner do you slip your friend the money and you turn around to discover an old high school classmate staring at you, asking you if you can forgive her for that time she turned you down for a date years ago (and was kind of cruel about it at that). You say, "Sure, I guess so," but no sooner are those words out of your mouth and another acquaintance of yours is in front of you, asking for your advice as to whether or not he should accept the promotion being offered to him at work. And then let's say that this goes on for quite a while with one friend after the next standing in front of you requesting this or that. Finally, after this goes on for an hour or two, you look up to discover that there is now a line of people running the length of the mall, all waiting to ask you for something.

Recently I heard about a videotape that someone made to illustrate what it might be like to be God. The tape runs for just over an hour and it features nothing but one person after the next making a request, asking for advice, seeking direction, requesting money, and so on. Face after face after face appears on the screen, each in a plaintive mode of asking for something. It's curious that Jesus more than once illustrates prayer with images of exasperation. In Luke 11 we have a friend at midnight baying for bread from someone already tucked cozily into bed. A few chapters farther on in Luke we find the parable of the unjust judge who finally gives in to the persistent widow, not for any noble reason but just to get her off his back.

It has always struck me as odd that Jesus would use these somewhat negative images to talk about prayer. Surely, we don't want to think of God as being exasperated when we come to him in prayer. But in these examples, we see the plaintive repeatedly bringing their need, the need for food or justice, before God. Why? Did we think God did not hear us the first time? No. I think these parables teach two things.

First, we are to bring everything to God in prayer. God wants to know what is on our minds, in our hearts. God wants us to bring all our needs to him, as exhausting as that might seem. The Father wants to hear about a child's desire for a new bike and the homeless person's need for shelter and food. But our needs are not where our prayers should stop. We also need to share with God what we are grateful for. When we get that new job or find that lost coin or sheep. How often do we forget to stop and give thanks?

Second, as we are persistent in bringing our needs to God, we find that our heart begins to change. As we pray for that new car, we begin to see our coworker who cannot afford to buy a new car and is praying for their car not to break down for the third time this year. We see the family who lost their home and is now living in their car. As we bring our needs before God, the Father finds a way to show us the needs of others and changes our hearts.

So in your prayers don't forget to bring everything to God, your needs, and those things you are grateful for. Also, in your prayers leave room for God to change your heart.

Blessings,
Pastor Mark

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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
Monday—Friday
9:00 am—1:00 pm



It's that time of year again!
SCHOLARSHIP Applications are being accepted by our scholarship committee between now and the AUGUST 15TH DEADLINE. This scholarship is for current St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church members who are actively seeking higher education and enrolled in the Fall 2022 semester. Please inquire by texting Lea Lang 330-224-2263. Send the student's name and email address in the text inquiry. An application will be emailed and needs to be completed by 8/15/22 for consideration. We look forward to supporting our students!

Our Sympathies

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Zach Reed who passed away after an ATV accident. May God grant them comfort and peace.

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 page 3). If you have an organization or cause for consideration Mission Endowment Funds, please request the form and submit the details for consideration.



Larry Allen, Betty Ayers, Renee Brown, Susan Carter, Chris Collard, Matthew Cottle, Kurt DeGordon, Jim Dehnke, Pam Dekowski, Jean Dexter, Ken Dexter, Teri Dew, Hazel Draper, Mark Duris, Maria Garton, Mark Griffith, Robert Haas, Sara Hughes, Ray Jones, Robert David Keefer, 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, 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, Linda Williams, Mike Zigelhofer, Matt & Jen.

Assisting Ministers

For August

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

August 7th: Carol Stoner

August 14th: Kathryn Myers

August 21st: Karl Kalk

August 28th: David Stoner



August Communion Assistants

August 7th: Eric Myers & Don Gray

August 14th: Patty Long & John Stanko

August 21st: Cindy Lash & Scott Larson

August 28th: Lea Lang & Greg 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

August Lay Lector

Karl Kalk

August 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

August 7th: Sue Ambrosic

August 14th: Rob Pritchett

August 21st: Becky Myers

August 28th: Russ & Mary Ann Poling

August Ushers

Sue Ambrosic

Becky Johnson

Patty Long

Becky Myers

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

A logo with the text "ADULT BIBLE STUDIES" in a bold, sans-serif font. To the left is a small image of an open Bible with the text "grow in your faith together" written on it.

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!

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

June		YTD	
Income	\$ 17,769	Income	\$ 269,162
Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 7,096	Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 53.131
Expenses	\$ 28,605	Expenses	\$ 332,415
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (3,740)	Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (10,062)

JULY COMMUNITY MEAL AND COMMUNITY CLOSET

It was a summertime feel when St. Paul's opened its doors for the monthly Community Meal and Community Closet on Friday, July 8. The picnic-style meal consisted of coneys, steak fries, coleslaw, beverage, and dessert. The only thing missing was the Beach Boys! A total of 61 meals were served, with numerous seconds.

The Community Closet was visited by nearly all of those who came to eat. This is such an important part of our ministry and we thank you for keeping us so well stocked! Your generosity of donations has been wonderful!

Our monthly "special additional needs" initiative was again a great success! This part of the ministry, sponsored by the Ladies Book Club, fills the needs these people have beyond a quality meal and quality clothing. It provides our visitors with common household items such as paper towels, and Kleenex, among other things.

Our ministry here is a reflection of our love for this community and those in need. We are all God's people. All praise and honor to Him!

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, August 12 from 4:30 to 6:00. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

Jack and Marsha Fortune

Dear St. Paul's friends,
Last year on our Amish Tour (Which was a great day!) Loren Veigel and I talked about planning another trip for this Fall that would include visiting wineries. Loren has planned a trip based on our conversation for our members and friends. You can learn more with the attached flyer. Loren always puts together a great trip and I am sure you would enjoy this day.

Sue Reid, Fellowship Committee



AUTUMNAL ADVENTURE (WITH WINE!)
(SORT OF a Mystery Tour.....) Led by Loren Veigel
Tuesday, October 18, 2022 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. \$160.00 per person
*More information available on [www.stpaulsmassillon.org/upcoming events](http://www.stpaulsmassillon.org/upcoming%20events)



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 is 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!



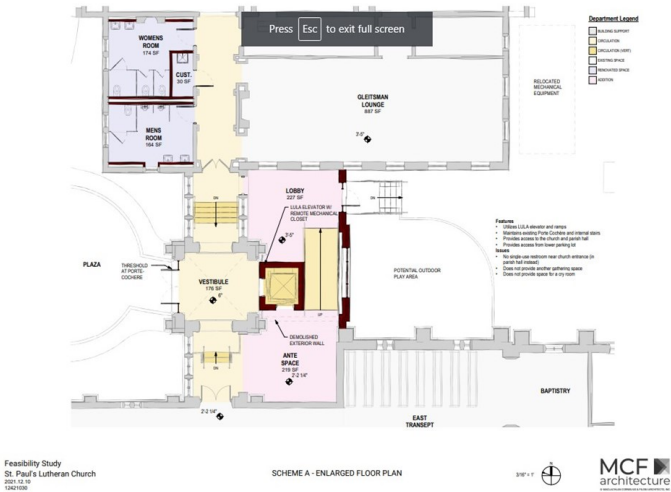
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 WORSHIP SERVICE
JAZZ LITURGY AND GOSPEL HYMN SUNDAY WITH THE
CAMARADA BRASS QUINTET



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).

Proposal 1



Entrance (Looking toward Sanctuary)



Front Entrance



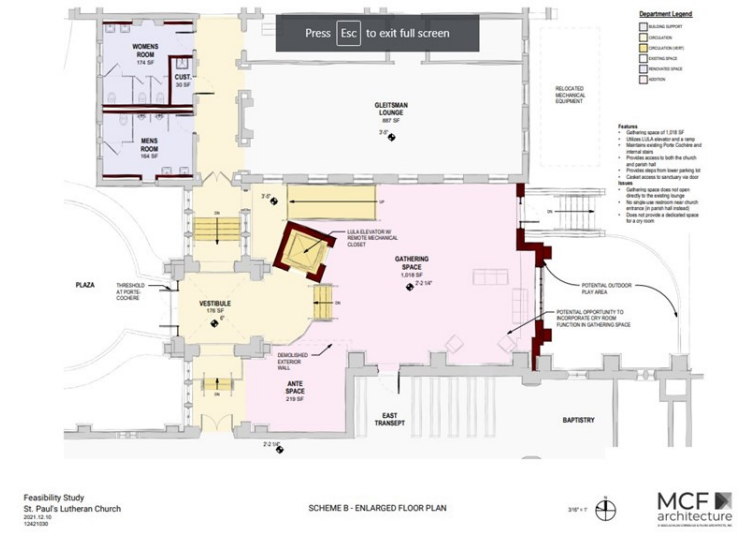
Rear Entrance



Looking from Sanctuary towards Parish Hall



Proposal 2



View from Parish Hall (Down Ramp)



Entrance



Rear 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.

St. Jacob Euchre Night:

August 13, 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, August 12th, to Sue Phillabaum at smphillabaum@hotmail.com or Carolyn Carasea at c.carasea@gmail.com

2022 Upcoming Euchre Date
September 10th



- 3. Grant Lash, Richard Stern
- 5. Jeannine Tidwell
- 6. Paul Mutchler
- 7. Kim Gray
- 9. Brian Johnson
- 10. Jared Lafferty, Riley Hostetler
- 11. Michael Skelly
- 13. Diane Books
- 14. Gary Collard, Rebecca Moden, Tracie Schmolt
- 15. James Myers
- 16. Larry Rollins
- 19. Niall Slater, Eddie Langford
- 20. Jonathan Stuck
- 21. Lori Davila
- 22. Karl Kalk
- 23. Haven Dovel, Alexander Myers
- 24. Natalia Monastra
- 25. Antonio Davila, Jack Hofman
- 28. Sabrina Skelly
- 29. Patricia Long
- 30. Philip Downey
- 31. Amy White




- Thursday, 8/4**
6:00 pm Friendship Circle - Gleitsman Lounge
- Sunday, 8/7**
10:00 am Worship
- Tuesday, 8/9**
7:00 pm Church Council
- Friday, 8/12**
4:30-6:00 pm Community Meal
4:30-6:00 pm Clothes Closet
- Saturday, 8/13**
8:00 am Habitat for Humanity
5:30 pm Euchre night at St Jacob's
- Sunday, 8/14**
10:00 am Worship
Congregational meeting following worship
- Monday, 8/15**
Bridge deadline
- Tuesday, 8/16**
6:00 pm Finance Committee
- Sunday, 8/21**
10:00 am Worship
Church picnic following worship
- Friday, 8/26**
7:00 pm Chad Pittman, Organ concert
- Sunday, 8/28**
10:00 am Worship
- Monday, 8/29**
Red Cross Blood Drive

Habitat For Humanity Build
August 13th

Come help us build another Habitat house for a family in need. On August 13 we will raise the walls on this new build. No experience is necessary. We need 8 to 10 members to make this happen! Please contact Pastor Mark if you can help build this home.

Check us out on:



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10:00 A.M. SERVICE

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