



September 25, 2022

Jazz/Gospel Worship and Liturgy with the Camarada Brass Quintet

* **Friendship Circle** Thursday, September 1st 6:00 PM **Gleitsman Lounge**

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Pet Blessing Saturday October 1st

Isabelle Demers, **Internationally Acclaimed** Concert Organist Sunday September 25 5:00 pm See page 8



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Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus often turns our world upside down. "You have heard it said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you, Love your enemies and pay for those who persecute you." (Matthew 5 43-44). In Luke chapter 13:1-17 Jesus heals a woman on the Sabbath in the Synagogue and in so doing challenges social and religious norms of the day.

Walter Wink, in his book Engaging the Powers, suggests that Jesus' action represented a revolution happening in seven short verses. In this short story, Jesus tries to wake people up to the kind of life God wants for them. He often talks about the Kingdom of God where people have equal worth and all of life has dignity. But in the latter part of his ministry, he begins to act this out. In the midst of a highly patriarchal culture Jesus breaks at least six strict cultural rules:

1. Jesus speaks to the woman. In civilized society, Jewish men did not speak to women. Remember the story in John 4 where Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well. She was shocked because a Jew would speak to a Samaritan. But when the disciples returned, the Scripture records, "They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman?" In speaking to her, Jesus jettisons the male restraints on women's freedom.

2. He calls her to the center of the synagogue. By placing her in the geographic middle, he challenges the notion of a male monopoly on access to knowledge and to God.

3. He touches her, which revokes the holiness code. That is the code which protected men from a woman's uncleanness and from her sinful seductiveness.

4. He calls her "daughter of Abraham," a term not found in any of the prior Jewish literature. This is revolutionary because it was believed that women were saved through their men. To call her a daughter of Abraham is to make her a full-fledged member of the nation of Israel with equal standing before God.

5. He heals on the Sabbath, the holy day. In doing this he demonstrates God's compassion for people over ceremony, and reclaims the Sabbath for the celebration of God's liberal goodness.

6. Last, and not least, he challenges the ancient belief that her illness is a direct punishment from God for sin. He asserts that she is ill, not because God willed it, but because there is evil in the world. (In other words, bad things happen to good people.)

And Jesus did all this in a few seconds. I wonder if Jesus came today what other social and religious norms he would challenge? Blessings, Pastor Mark

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We would like to say a big "Thank You" for supporting Community Hospice by purchasing our raffle tickets! Community Hospice

is a non-profit. One-hundred percent of the funds raised will be used for the patients. Never will a patient or family receive a bill.

God's Blessing to each of you,

Sue Ambrosic, Becky Johnson, Jennifer Maurer and Debbie Hannum

To my Beautiful Church Family,



I am touched beyond words for all your cards, well wishes, and flowers. Most of all, I can't thank you enough for your prayers.

It was so comforting to know I had so many friends praying for me. I am positive prayers contributed to the success of my surprise

appendectomy.

With Love – Your Sister in Christ,

Becky Johnson

<u>Our Sympathies</u>

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Gloria Talarico who passed away this month.



Leona Corban, Bill Rupple, Zack Hoffman, Eric Gerber, Linda Willliams, Curt DeGordon, Larry & Katheryn Sheets, Larry Allen, Susan Carter, Nancy and Dan Lint, Matthew Cottle, Russ Poling, Robert David Keefer, Amy White, Karen Painter, Robert Haas, Ann Pratt, Chris Collard, Kyle Whelan, Ken Dexter, Mike Zigelhoffer, Betty Ayers, Jim Dehnke, Pam Dekowski, Sherrie Whelan, Paula Kritzer, Lynne Nunley, , Cheryl Myers, Matthew Kronenwetter, Teri Dew, Mark Griffith, Mark Duris, Maria Garton, Carol Rohr, David Paul, Ray Jones, Renee Brown, Josh Keller, Sara Hughes, Chrissy Sturtz, Donna Viles, Jean Dexter, Dan Landig, Anna Langenfeld, Karen Lunkwitz, Scott & Darlene Lewis, Angela Sutter, Maria Lictenberger, Ron Meimer, Hazel Draper, Jennifer Mays, Cheryl Shaw

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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



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

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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.

Community Meal and Community Closet

August 12, 2022

St. Paul's welcomed seventy-seven (77) guests to our monthly Community Meal and Community Closet on Friday, August 12.

Our summertime menu consisted of Italian sausage with peppers and onions, penne pasta, tossed salad, dinner roll, choice of a beverage, and mini-cheese cake for dessert.

Among the attendees were 3 small children. Each was given a small toy as a gift from the congregation.

Most of the attendees visited both the Community Closet and our "special additional needs" tables either before or after the meal. It is clear that these complimentary ministries have made a positive impact for many of these people. We are very fortunate that we are in a position to help so many folks that can use a little help. Praise God!

A special thanks to our many volunteers who work so hard to make this outreach effort a success. What a joy it is to serve the Lord!

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, September 9, from 4:30 to 6:00. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

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

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!

Cathedral Concerts in the Evening

Presents:

Isabelle Demers, Internationally Acclaimed Concert Organist



Sunday September 25, 2022 5:00 pm

*Carillon Prelude at 4:30 pm

*Reception follows the concert

With playing described as having "bracing virtuosity" (Chicago Classical Review) and being "fearless and extraordinary" (Amarillo-Globe News), Isabelle Demers has enraptured critics, presenters, and audience members around the globe.

She has appeared in recital throughout Europe, Oman, Australia, New Zealand, the United States, and Canada, including at the Cathedrals of Cologne and Regensburg (Germany); the ElbPhilharmonie (Hamburg); the Royal Festival Hall, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Cathedral, and Westminster Abbey (London); City Hall (Stockholm); the Royal Opera House of Muscat (Oman); the Forbidden City Concert Hall (Beijing, China); Victoria Hall (Singapore); Melbourne Town Hall (Australia); Auckland Town Hall (New Zealand); Disney Hall (Los Angeles), Davies Hall (San Francisco), the Meyerson Symphony Center (Dallas), the Kimmel Center, and the Wanamaker Organ at Macy's (Philadelphia); and the Maison Symphonique (Montréal).

Dr. Demers is in continual high demand by her colleagues as witnessed by performances for numerous regional and national conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Institute of Organ Builders and International Society of Organbuilders, the Royal Canadian College of Organists, and the Organ Historical Society. She has released multiple CD recordings on the Acis and Pro Organo labels. Her latest CD, recorded at Chicago's Rockefeller Chapel, was released in January 2020, and includes works of Reger, Laurin, Dupré, Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, and Macmillan.

A native of Québec and a doctoral graduate of the Juilliard School, Dr. Demers is Associate Professor of Organ at McGill University (Montréal, Québec). She was formerly the Joyce Bowden Chair in Organ and Head of the Organ Program at Baylor University (Waco, Texas).

Dear Family and Friends of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church,

I am excited to share that our church will offer another season of our concert series, **Cathedral Concerts in the Evening**. Last season, we joyfully welcomed *Two Men and a Bench (Chad Pittman and Mark Thewes, organists), the Capital University Chapel Choir* (with *Northwest High School* and *Massillon High School Advanced Choirs*), The *University of Michigan Men's Glee Club* (with *Northwest High School Men's Chorus*), *A Chorus for a Cause,* and internationally acclaimed concert organist, *Hector Olivera,* to our beautiful sanctuary here in Massillon. We consider our opening season a TREMAENDOUS success and <u>can't wait</u> to welcome you back for another year of inspiring and diverse music and worship.

Our mission for this series is to offer the greater Massillon/Canton community (and beyond) quality concerts free of charge, facilitate opportunities for meaningful fellowship and outreach, feature our beautiful space, and develop relationships with local and national arts organizations. The musical offerings will be varied and diverse, highlighting both professional and community concerts of all kinds.

This series is something very special, and I feel so honored to share beautiful music, worship and fellowship with YOU!

In an effort to ALWAYS keep concerts free to all, we take a freewill offering at each event and are **seeking special tax-deductible contributions/offerings from our church family in advance**. Contributions may be made in honor or memory of a loved one/friend. All donors' first and last names will be listed in each program, unless indicated otherwise. Donors may sponsor an entire concert, part of a concert fee, or give any smaller amount. Any full concert sponsorship will get a special FULL page in the program honoring the chosen individual(s) or organization(s) for whom the funds are given, if desired. Please know that any amount-large or small-will make an incredible impact on this ministry. We always schedule high-quality events and therefore depend on generous support outside the formal freewill offerings.

When preparing a concert, we plan for various costs: performer fees and logistics (travel, lodging etc.),high-quality and frequent advertising (newspapers, online, and others), program materials, and hospitality events such as post-concert receptions, and other meetings/meals. We absolutely depend on individual/family sponsorship.

To give to *Cathedral Concerts in the Evening*, you may contribute in person or mail a donation to the mailing address listed above. Please make sure to CLEARLY write *CONCERT SE-RIES* on your check-to St. Paul's Lutheran Church-and envelope. If you would like to sponsor an entire concert, a large portion of a concert, volunteer in some capacity at any event or have any questions, please reach out to me individually at the email address on the left or 330-608-1655.

I am honored to spend my days in ministry with this wonderful community, and can't wait to see you at a concert...or several this year.

With gratitude and thanks,

Chad E. Píttman

Wanda Sobieska, violin and Chad Pittman, organ/piano (Sunday October 30, 2022-5 pm) Ohio State University Choirs with Northwest High School Choirs (Sunday Nov 20, 2022-5 pm) Daniel Roth-Internationally Renowned Organist of St. Sulpice in Paris (March 12, 2023-5 pm) Harmony Ringers of A Chorus for a Cause (April, 2023)

Two Men and a Bench-Chad Pittman and Mark Thewes, organists (May, 2023)

Adult Sunday School

A Study of Revelation

Grace to you and peace from him who was and is and is to come... (Rev. 1:3a)

The New Testament book of Revelation is one that in some cases is given a lot of attention or in other cases, not given much attention at all. On September 11, we will



begin a study of this rich and challenging Scripture. Although steeped in symbolism and imagery, it is a book full of encouragement and hope as well as warning. Studying it this summer in preparation for our time together has been a blessing for me and I look forward to studying it further with you. Although we may not always land on the exact meaning for every verse (there are multiple interpretations for much of the book) we will focus on the main themes and be abundantly blessed by God's gift of Scripture to us.

Please join us each Sunday as we meet immediately following the morning worship service on the top floor of Parish Hall. An elevator is available for easy access. And bring a friend! The good word about the class is best spread by those of you who regularly attend. Thank you for encouraging others to explore God's word with us.

Patty Long

Adult Sunday School Teacher

Thursday Morning Bible Study Beginning September 15th 10 am

Words of Life Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today By <u>Adam Hamilton</u>

Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of "thou-shalt-nots" found in the Bible. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. These ten ancient "words" were given to us by a loving God who longed to set safe boundaries, create order out of chaos, help communities live peacefully, and protect us–often from ourselves.

In this book of Scripture and inspiration, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and showing how every thou-shalt-not was intended to point to a life-giving "thou shalt." He also explores how the latest research in science and psychology illuminates these commandments, rightly understood, as a way of ordering one's life beautifully in the present day. In a culture marked by workaholism, materialism, and social media-driven envy, God has given us a time-tested path that leads to gratitude, confidence, and peace.

Friendship Circle Picnic

September 1st at 6:00pm

Becky Myers and Judee Reed will host the picnic at Becky Myers home.

1054 Oakwood Ave N.E. Massillon, Ohio 44646

* Please bring a covered dish.





God's Kitchen Angels

It's that time of year that 'God's Kitchen Angels' will once again start baking. Look for the fliers and up coming dates in the future 'Bridges' and

'Bulletins'. *Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

Homemade chili made on an open fire! Limited amounts. Deadline for orders is September 18th. All money goes toward St. Paul's renovation. Pick-up date will be September 25th.







Habitat Wall Raising Meet the Ball family Family and Current Housing

When Marcus thinks about his family's new Habitat home, he thinks about the yard first. Currently, the Ball family lives in a rental property that's located on a busy street with fast-moving traffic. It's dangerous enough that when Audrey and Adrienne want to ride their bikes, their parents

have to drive them somewhere else. Marcus can't wait to give his daughters a safe place to play outside. For Adrienne (4), who is autistic, having a backyard area where she can have freedom to run around safely will be a life-changing benefit. At the family's current rental—which has a rotting backyard fence—they worry about her wandering away and getting hurt. Not only is the rental property unsafe for the girls when they want to be outside, but it costs more than the family can afford. Marcus has spent a decade working as a warehouse associate for a local company, and as his income has increased, the family has had to pay more in rent. In addition to being too expensive, the family's rental also poses several structural problems. The windows don't lock or close all the way. Plumbing issues in the bathroom cause water to run down the ceiling and walls. The family deals with mice on a regular basis, even though they've paid for an exterminator. "Having the opportunity," Marcus said.







Mission Endowment Fund

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.

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St. Jacob Euchre Night: September 10, 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, Friday September 9th, to Sue Phillabaum at <u>smphillabaum@hotmail.com</u> or Carolyn Carasea at c.carasea@gmail.com

> > 2022 Upcoming Euchre Date



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September Calendar

Thursday, 9/1 6:00 pm Friendship Circle picnic at **Becky Myers** Sunday, 9/4 10:00 am Worship Friday, 9/9 4:30-6:00 pm Community Meal 4:30-6:00 pm Clothes Closet Saturday, 9/10 5:30-9:00 pm Euchre night at St. Jacob's Sunday, 9/11 10:00 am Worship 11:15 Adult Sunday school Tuesday, 9/13 God's Kitchen Angels 12:00 noon VFW 7:00 pm Church Council Thursday, 9/15 Bridge deadline 10:00 am Bible study Sunday, 9/18 10:00 am Worship 11:15 Adult Sunday school Tuesday, 9/20 Finance Committee Thursday, 9/22 10:00 am Bible study 6:00 pm Property Committee Friday, 9/23 9:00 am Chili making- Nancy Lint's Sunday, 9/25 10:00 am Worship 11:15 Adult Sunday school Thursday, 9/29 Bible study



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