

ST. PAUL'S
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

February 2023



Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023

7:00pm

First Lenten Service

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Dinner 5:30

Service 6:30pm



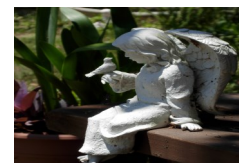
Cathedral Concerts in the Evening

Caroline Oltmanns

Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 5pm



Pick-up date for soup will be February 26th



Thanks,
Kitchen Angels



Dear Friends in Christ,

Pastor Steven E. Albertin told the following story. He said, in my church secretary's office there hangs a modernistic picture composed of a maze of colors and shapes. I realized these sophisticated, modern, and abstract pictures were supposed to contain some profound artistic or philosophical message, but I never was able to figure it out. It just looked like a jumbled mass of confusion. If there was a message there, I was blind to it.

One day while I was standing in the office, waiting for the copier to warm up, one of the congregation's kindergarten-age boys, Adam, stood beside me and said, "Do you see what I see?"

"Do you see something in that picture? I sure don't." Adam looked at me with glee in his eye, "Pastor, can't you see him? It's Jesus hanging on the cross." I stared as hard as I could, until my eyes actually hurt from staring. I wanted to believe Adam and that there actually was the image of Jesus hanging on the cross hidden somewhere in that mass of color and shapes, but I couldn't see Jesus anywhere. "Adam, I'm sorry but I must be blind. You will have to help me see."

Directing his finger to a mass of color in the center of the picture, Adam said, "There, Pastor. Do you see what I see? There is Jesus, his face, his arms outstretched on the cross." And then, like an **epiphany**, the image began to appear. Yes, there hidden somehow "behind" the colors and the shapes was the barely visible image of Jesus, hanging with arms outstretched on the cross. "It's amazing, Adam. You have helped one blind pastor to see Jesus. Yes, I can see what you see, Adam."

There is so much noise in the world today. There are so many voices and images competing for our attention. Is it any surprise that we have a hard time seeing Jesus at work in our world today?

When I went to Ohio State I loved to sit outside on the Oval and eat my lunch. On a warm spring day there would be a dozen spokesmen/preachers all trying to outshout one another. One day a lone figure sat down defiantly in the middle of the Oval and held up a sign which said, "SILENT PROTEST." Someone tapped him on the shoulder and asked, "What are you protesting?" The defiant figure held up another sign which said simply, "NOISE."

February 22nd is Ash Wednesday. It is a season of meditation and contemplation. It is a time for self-examination, to see inside ourselves and discover what needs redemption. It is a time to quiet our minds so we can see Jesus. And so I invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings in March for a evening meal and worship. The Soup supper will begin at 5:30 pm and the service will begin at 6:30 pm. Come and see Jesus!

Blessings,

Pastor Mark

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To my church family,

I just wanted to thank everyone for all of the prayers and cards. I feel so loved! I have moved in with my daughter, Marla.

Blessings,

Leona Corban

My new address is:

9819 Sunnyslane St.

Streetsboro, Ohio 44241



Thank you so much for blessing my family with food and gifts this holiday season! My children had a wonderful Christmas and I am so grateful for your generosity!

The Forrer Family



In our prayers today we will remember

Pat Myers, Baby Adelyn Wetzel, John Stanko, Sherri Carano, Evelyn & Mark Eclen and their friend Bruce, Chad Pittman, Janice Sprankle, Russ Poling, Henry Leitner, Anna Langenfeld, Amy White, Rosemary Stephen, Jackie & Mike Bergerner, Robert Haas, Chris Collard, Bob Reid, Michael Jordan, Dave Paul, Cheryl Shaw, Steve Kress, Mike Kress, Tiffany Weick, Noah Salberg, Bill Ruppel, Linda Williams, Bobbee DeGordon, Larry & Kathryn Sheets, Susan Carter, Matthew Cottle, Kyle Whelan, Ken Dexter, Mike Zigelhoffer, Betty Ayers, Pam Dekowski, Sherrie Whelan, Paula Kritzer, Lynne Nunley, Matthew Kronenwetter, Mark Duris, Maria Garton, Carol Rohr, Ray Jones, Renee Brown, Josh Keller, Chrissy Sturtz, Donna Viles, Jean Dexter, Dan Landig, Karen Lunkwitz, Scott & Darlene Lewis, Maria Lichtenberger, Hazel Draper, Jennifer Mays

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2/5 - Veronica Kreemer

2/12 - Kathryn Myers

2/19 - Carol Stoner

2/26 - Patty Long

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February

Marcia Wright

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February

Carol Marlow

Mark Waltz

John & Linda Litman

Sacristan

February

Sandi Bennett

If you are interested in helping with Sacristy please call Kathryn Myers at 330)327-2590.

JANUARY, 2023 - COMMUNITY MEAL AND COMMUNITY CLOSET

Happy New Year! We began the 2023 New Year for our monthly Community Meal and Community Closet on Friday, January 13. On this cold winter day, our menu consisted of a bowl of turkey noodle soup, coneys, potato chips, choice of beverage and a cookie for dessert. The number of people served was 81. There was plenty to eat, with many enjoying seconds. A number of quarts of soup were left over and distributed to some of our homebound members.

Our “special additional needs” tables had some surprises this month. It seems that we had some excess grocery items left over from our annual distribution of Christmas boxes. As a result, these excess items were made available along with our normal items (paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, feminine products, disinfectant wipes, dishwashing liquid, body wash, etc.). By the end of the night, nearly everything was gone. These items are useful and needed by many in our community. Praise God we are in a position to help!

Our Community Closet was blessed with an influx of warm hats and gloves from donations made and displayed on our giving tree in the Glitzeman Lounge. Remember folks, it is winter, and warm winter items are always in need.

We are especially grateful and happy to report the receipt of a prepaid credit card from Thrivent for \$250. In addition we are pleased to report a sizeable contribution from the Rodney Klein Stock market Museum & Library in support of our ministry. This, along with two (2) additional significant contributions from members of the congregation have been a great blessing and encouragement to us as we move forward into 2023. We are thankful to all who support us in any way they can. All praise and honor to God!

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 February 10, from 4:30 to 6:00. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

Jack and Marsha Fortune



Flowers

As of February 1st, 2023 there will be a slight increase to the flower costs. The altar flowers will now cost \$40 per Sunday, and the Throne flowers will now be \$28. You will still be billed from Carmola Flowers. Please contact Patty Carmola if you have any questions at 330-832-9405



Our hearts and prayers go out to the family of Matthew Duplain. We are so sorry for your loss. May God wrap his loving arms around Matthew and all of his loved ones!

5th Sunday offering



St. Paul's Still relies on endowment funds to meet our current budget. One of the ways we hope to minimize our reliance on these funds is through a special offering on the 5th Sunday of the month.

In the fiscal year, there are three months with 5 Sundays of the month to reduce the deficit. Our Challenge is that each family prayerfully consider making an extra week of offering for this fiscal year.

If you cannot make a full extra week of offering? Perhaps, you can spread it out over a few weeks, or even just a few dollars can make a difference. Every dollar adds up and with each donation we can greatly reduce or eliminate our reliance on endowment funds!



Andrew Lang	2/1	Marcia Wright	2/15
Linda Gesen	2/2	Gladys Zepp	2/15
David Burkett	2/3	Richard Cordes	2/16
Connie Downey	2/3	Tyler Myer	2/16
Carla Myers	2/3	Aaron Inkinen	2/18
David Dourm	2/4	Lawrence Oberlin	2/19
Dave Hollender	2/4	Ryan Hostetler	2/20
Mary Jo Theiss	2/5	Deborah Brown	2/22
Alyson Dunlap	2/6	Alexis Juergensen	2/22
Lucinda Lash	2/11	Barbara Crofut	2/26
Carole Fisher	2/12	Louise Diuk	2/29
Cheryl Shaw	2/12		





February Anniversaries

Charles and Linda Gesen

2/19

John and Jennifer Stanko

2/19



Snip N Stitch

Do you have scrap material lying around? How about sheets or curtains that are no longer used? Our wonderful ladies of *Snip N Stitch* need your donations!!! They are very busy every Wednesday making quilts for *Lutheran Disaster Relief*. Donations can be dropped off at the office Monday thru Friday 9:00 - 1:00pm.

God bless and thank you, Gladys Zepp





God's Kitchen Angels



Soup's on!!



Cathedral concerts in the Evening

St Paul's Lutheran Church



Caroline Oltmanns, internationally renowned pianist

Virtuosic Playing

Beautiful Programming

Sunday February 19, 2023 5:00 pm

127 Cherry Rd. Massillon, OH

*Carillon Prelude at 4:30 pm

*Reception follows the concert

‘A star in the piano world’ (Donald Hunt, Pianist Magazine), Caroline Oltmanns reveals in her playing a deep connectivity between music and culture. Her impeccable musical phrasing combined with an engaging stage presence have attracted audiences both in the US and abroad. Best described in a recent review, her playing is ‘filled with fantasy in the greatest sense of the word’ (Dr. Ursula Adamski-Stoermer, Bayerischer Rundfunk).

Caroline Oltmanns has commissioned, premiered, and recorded numerous new works including concertos for piano and large ensemble by James Wilding, Till McIvor Meyn, Edward Largent, Rainer Schmitz, Dave Morgan, and Tom Janson.

A Professor of Piano at Youngstown State University, Caroline Oltmanns has presented master classes and workshops in the United States, Switzerland, Germany, the UK, South Africa, Canada, and China.

Cathedral concerts in the Evening

Concert Series of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Massillon, Ohio

Presents:



**Daniel Roth, world-renowned concert organist
*St. Sulpice Cathedral-Paris, France***

Sunday March 12, 2023

5:00 pm

Co-sponsored by *The American Guild of Organists, Canton Chapter*

*Carillon Prelude at 4:30 pm

*Reception follows the concert

LONDON“Daniel Roth showed himself a master both stylistically and technically ...”

Musical Times

PARIS“His strong technique ... the wild character of his improvisations as well as his accomplished knowledge of harmony have rightly impressed the audience.”

Le Figaro

WASHINGTON DC "... a brilliant display of subtle registration and blazing virtuosity ... Daniel Roth revealed a commanding technique and an infallible ear for balances."

Washington Star

RICHMOND "The day of the great keyboard improvisors is not over, and Daniel Roth proved it last night ... called forth nearly all the resources of the instrument to thrilling effect."

Richmond Times-Dispatch

HALIFAX "... fiery style ... virtuosic modulations ... imaginative effects ... a friendly partnership between player and organ which produced an astonishingly unified work of art."

Halifax Chronicle-Herald



The Staff would like to thank the members of the Congregation for their very generous gifts to the staff. It is truly appreciated and we feel blessed to work at St. Paul's.

Thank you,

Pastor Mark, Chad, Tracie, Eddie and Sharon

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 please request the form and submit the details to the committee.

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St. Jacob Euchre Night: February 11, 2023

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, February 10th, to Sue Phillabaum
at smphillabaum@hotmail.com or
Carolyn Carasea at c.carasea@gmail.com**

Income and Expense Summary

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Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Month Ending December, 2022

	December	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 38,960	\$ 156,266
Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 7,096	\$ 22,524
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 30,900</u>	<u>\$ 159,255</u>
<u>Surplus or (Deficit)</u>	<u>\$ 15,156</u>	<u>\$ 19,535</u>

Stewardship Corner

SENDING IT ON AHEAD

Sigmund Freud's favorite story was about the sailor shipwrecked on one of the South Sea islands. He was seized by the natives, hoisted to their shoulders, carried to the village, and set on a rude throne. Little by little, he learned that it was their custom once each year to make some man a king, king for a year. He liked it until he began to wonder what happened to all the former kings. Soon he discovered that every year when his kingship was ended, the king was banished to an island, where he starved to death. The sailor did not like that, but he was smart and he was king, king for a year. So he put his carpenters to work making boats, his farmers to work transplanting fruit trees to the island, farmers growing crops, masons building houses. So when his kingship was over, he was banished, not to a barren island, but to an island of abundance. It is a good parable of life: We're all kings here, kings for a little while, able to choose what we shall do with the stuff of life.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Matt. 6:19-20).

From James S Hewaett

Editor Sermons.com

Love



February 2023 Calendar



2/1 - Snip-N Stitch 9 - 11:00am

2/1 - Chancel Choir 7:30 - 9pm

2/2 - Bible Study 10:00am

2/5 - Worship Service 10:00am

2/5 - Adult Sunday School 10:00am

2/7 - Nominating Committee 7pm

2/8 - Snip N Stitch 9 - 11:00pm

2/8 - Chancel Choir 7:30 - 9pm

2/9 - Bible Study 10:00am

2/10 - RSVP for Euchre @ St. Jacob's church

2/10 - Community Meal & Clothes Closet
4:30 - 6pm

2/11 - Euchre @ St. Jacob's church 5:30 -
9pm

2/12 - Worship Service 10:00am

2/12 - Adult Sunday School 11:30am

2/14 - Church Council 7pm

2/15 - Snip N Stitch 9 - 11:00am

2/15 - Chancel Choir 7:30 pm - 9pm

2/15 - Bridge Deadline

2/16 - Bible Study 10:00am

2/19 - Worship Service 10:00am

2/19 - Adult Sunday School 11:30am

2/21 - Finance Committee 6pm

2/22 - Snip N Stitch 9 - 11:00am

2/22 - Chancel Choir 7:3- 9pm

2/22 - Ash Wednesday 7pm

2/23 - Bible Study 10:00am

2/26 - Worship Service 10:00am

2/26 - Adult Sunday School 11:30am

Epiphany Sunday
January 8, 2023
We had three special guests!!



Adult Sunday School

Wisdom for Better Relationships



...a word in season, how good it is! (Proverbs 15:23b)

During the month of February we will continue our study in Proverbs and focus on many verses that offer practical wisdom and advice for better communication and more loving, God-honoring relationships. Please join us for fellowship and Bible study as we meet following Sunday morning worship on the top floor of Parish Hall. An elevator is available for easy access

Patty Long

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Beginning January 12th 10 am

In Forgiving What You Can't Forget Bible study, Lysa TerKeurst shares her own deeply personal journey with forgiveness and what the Bible has to say about letting go of resentment and finding peace. In six 15-27 minute DVD sessions, you'll learn a step-by-step plan to free yourself from hurt, disempower triggers that hijack your emotions, deal with difficult relationships, and discover life-giving freedom our souls desperately need. Each lesson follows chapter readings from Forgiving What You Can't Forget Book and is recommended for use with the study

Sessions include:

- What Am I Supposed to Do with All the Hurt? (25:30)
- Your Mind, Your Mouth, Your Master (21:30)
- The Divine Echo (27:00)
- There's Always a Meanwhile (24:00)
- The Compounding Effect of Unforgiveness (15:00)
- This Isn't Easy, But It Is Good (21:00)

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Call: 330)-491-9989

Text: (234)360-0136

The Massillon Area Clergy Association is assembling health kits for the Salvation Army. We are in need of the following items:

Toiletries:

Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Soap
Washcloth
Shampoo
Deodorant
Comb/Brush
Chapstick

Individual servings of Non-Perishable Food Items:

Granola Bars
Trail Mix
Raisins
Peanuts
Gum/Hard Candy
Beef Jerky

*These items can be brought to the office. Thank you.

Dear St. Paul's friends,

This morning I took time to look back through the many cards we have received over the last 12 months and it was a wonderful reminder of how our church family has given us support. It has been a year of many changes with the death of Bob's sister and my brother; my sister dealing with skin cancer and many changes in Bob especially after Covid. We miss being involved especially singing in the Choir. Your love has kept us connected. A big thank you for being a blessing in our lives.

Peace and love,

Sue Reid



Ash Wednesday



Wednesday, February 22, 2023

7:00pm

Community Lenten Worship Services



March 1st	St. John's UCC 101 Tremont Ave SE, Massillon, OH 44646	Rev. Angie Storer of St. Jacob's preaching
March 8th	St. Paul's Lutheran 127 Cherry Rd NE, Massillon, OH 44646	Rev. George Baum of St. Timothy's preaching
March 15th	First United Methodist 301 Lincoln Way E, Massillon, OH 44646	Rev. Linda Slutz of Epworth UMC preaching
March 22nd	St. Timothy Episcopal 226 3rd St SE, Massillon, OH 44646	Rev. Roger Alber of First Baptist preaching *incense will be used
March 29th	First Baptist Church 20 Sixth St. SE, Massillon, OH 44646	Rev. Jules Joy of Central Presbyterian preaching

Through the season of Lent, churches in the Massillon area will once again join together for worship and Holy Communion, rotating locations and preachers. Our theme this year is God's Call, Our Response.

A light dinner of soup and salad will be served at 5:30pm. Then at 6:30pm, we will worship together. Child care will be provided.

Offerings to go to Make-A-Way, a local ministry helping those with mental and physical disabilities to better integrate into our community

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