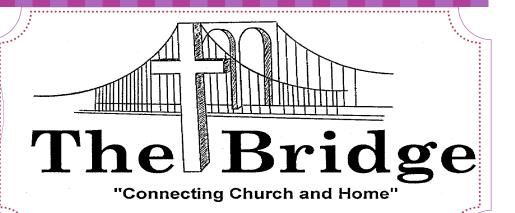
ST.PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

April2023





Palm Sunday Service - 10:00am

Maundy Thursday service - 7:00pm



<u>Cross'</u> - 12:00 noon

Good Friday Service - 7:00pm

Easter 'Sunrise Service' - 7:30am

Easter Worship Service - 10:00am



Dear Friends in Christ,

Sometime ago I read this joke about Palm Sunday. (Yes, it is another "Dad Joke") A little boy was sick on Palm Sunday and stayed home from church with his mother. His father returned from church holding a palm branch. The little boy was curious and asked, "Why do you have that palm branch, dad?" "You see, when Jesus came into town, everyone waved Palm Branches to honor him, so we got Palm Branches today." The little boy replied, "Aw Shucks! The one Sunday I miss is the Sunday that Jesus shows up!"

As we approach the Easter season, we are reminded of the significance of Palm Sunday. This day marks the beginning of Holy Week and commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where he was welcomed by crowds waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna!"

Palm Sunday is a day of great joy and celebration for Christians all around the world. It is a time to reflect on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us and to renew our commitment to follow him. The palm branches that are traditionally used on this day symbolize victory and triumph, as well as humility and sacrifice.

As we enter into Holy Week, we are reminded of the events that led up to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. We remember the Last Supper, where Jesus shared a meal with his disciples and instituted the sacrament of the Eucharist. We remember his betrayal by Judas, his arrest, and his trial before Pontius Pilate. And we remember his crucifixion and death on Good Friday.

But Palm Sunday is also a reminder that the story does not end there. We know that Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, conquering death and sin and offering us the promise of eternal life. It is this hope that we celebrate and share with one another as we gather on this day.

As we prepare to celebrate Palm Sunday, let us take time to reflect on the significance of this day and the events that led to it. Let us renew our commitment to follow Jesus and to share his message of love and hope with others. And let us continue to pray for peace and justice in our world, that we may one day see the triumph of the Kingdom of God.

May the joy and peace of Palm Sunday and Easter be with you and your loved ones.

Pastor Mark

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Church Council Report to the Congregation

At the congregational meeting last August, a vote was held to gauge preferences for possible construction projects. These projects were particularly designed to improve accessibility in all areas of our church campus regularly used for ministry. In the following months it was concluded that additional information was needed to determine the most pressing needs related to accessibility and safety.

At the direction of the Executive Committee and approval of Church Council, a representative task force was convened to assess the needs of our St. Paul's Church as it pertained to the buildings and surrounding areas. Identifying and prioritizing these needs would then give helpful direction for further maintenance, reconstruction, and construction projects.

Members of the Task Force included Sue Ambrosic (Kitchen Angels), Dan Farrar (Church Treasurer), Marsha Fortune (Community Meal), Don Gray (Property & Management), Jim Johnson (Property & Management), Karl Kalk (Worship & Church Music), Mark Kreemer (Pastor), Cindy Lash (Welfare & Social Action), Patty Long (Task Force Chair), Paul Mutchler (Renovation 2012), and Tracie Schmolt (Church Finance, Community Clothes Closet).

The Task Force met three times. Meeting one involved an extensive tour of all three buildings and the surrounding areas. Meeting two involved compiling a list of the most obvious needs, with the third gathering focused on discussing and ranking the identified needs and labeling each as a maintenance project (M) or a need more likely addressed through a capital campaign (C). It was acknowledged that neither area (M) or (C) would come without cost. With the completion of this final step, the task force arrived at recommendations to be forwarded to Church Council for its consideration. Thanks to the members of the task force for their insight and thoughtful work on behalf of the congregation. The complete Needs Assessment Task Force report is available on our church website under Church Council, then Church Council Minutes.

At the Congregational Meeting on May 21st, Church Council will propose that a capital campaign be organized to raise funds for several high-priority projects. It is the recommendation of Council that, as funds are available, we begin with safety and accessibility projects that could include:

- -Reconstruction of the Harvard Street concrete steps, leading from the lower parking area.
- -Installation of a building-wide fire alarm system.
- -Parish Hall main floor handicapped-accessible restrooms (across from the lounge).
- -Refurbishment of the Gleitsman Lounge.
- -Replacement of the church building boiler.
- -Driveway alignment and enclosure of the porte cochere.

It is our understanding that, using current pricing, these projects in total could easily cost \$300,000. This would begin phase one of the capital campaign. Please note that the recommendation includes the words "as funds are available." Council's concern for the physical needs of the buildings includes the need to see that the programming life of the church is not compromised. It is a balancing act with the intent that one should not suffer at the expense of the other. We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this information and ask that you plan to attend the May 21st Congregational Meeting.

A final thought. Moving forward, we should be mindful that as a part of good stewardship, a thorough needs assessment for our church should be completed on an annual basis.

Eric Myers Church Council President March 20, 2023



Our symphathies and prayers go out to the Family and friends of Michael Karipides, who recently passed away. May God wrap his loving arms around

Michael and his family.

Please keep Susan Karípídes, (wife of Michael Karípídes) and family in your prayers.

Our symphathies and prayers go out to the family and friends of Henry Leitner, who recently passed away. May God wrap his loving arms around Henry and his family.





Rev. Larry & Val Lalama, Jessie Shaffer, Lynnette King, Diane Dew, Kaki Hess, Joyce Jones, Becky Myers & Jeanie Tidwell, Betty Ayers, Michael Grimm, Scott Reeder, Marsha Paul, Eric Theiss, Pat Myers, Baby Adelyn Wetzel, John Stanko, Sherri Carano, Evelyn & Mark Eclem and their friend Bruce, Chad Pittman, Janice Sprankle, Russ Poling, Anna Langenfeld, Amy White, Rosemary Stephen, Jackie & Mike Bergerner, Robert Haas, Chris Collard, Bob Reid, Michael Jordan, Dave Paul, Cheryl Shaw, Steve Kress, Tiffany Weick, Noah Salberg, Bill Rupple, Linda Williams, Bobbee DeGordon, Larry & Katheryn Sheets, Susan Carter, Matthew Cottle, Kyle Whelan, Ken Dexter, Mike Zigelhoffer, 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 Lictenberger, Hazel Draper, Jennifer Mays

Serving During the Month of April 2023



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If you are interested in becoming an Assistant Minister. Please contact Karl Kalk at (330)904-9797 or email at karlkal@msn.com

4/2 - Carol Stoner

4/9- Katherine Myers

4/16 - Karl Kalk

4/23 - Andrew Lang

4/30 - Scott Larson

Communion Assistants

4/2 - Patty Long & Tracie Schmolt

4/6 - Cindy Lash & Scott Larson 4/9 - 7:30am Lea Lang & Eric Myers

4/9 -10:00am Patty Long & Greg Klein

4/16 - Carol Stoner & Amy Burkett

4/23 - Eric Myers & Don Gray

4/30 - Patty Long & John Stanko

Greeters

If you are interested in becoming a Greeter. Please Contact Karl Kalk at (330)904-9797 or email at karlkal@msn.com

4/2 - Becky Myers

4/9 - Greg & Lynda Klein

4/16 - Gary Collard

<u>Sacristan</u>

<u>April</u>

Sue Ambrosic

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





Lay Lector

If you are interested in becoming a Lay Lector. Please contact Karl Kalk at (330)904-9797 or email at KarlKal@msn.com

April

Lynn Williamson

Ushers

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April

Greg & Linda Klein
Adam & Jennifer Johnson

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2023



Hailey Carano	4/1	Larry Stoner	4/19
Grace Deerwester	4/2	Abbie Deuble	4/20
Veronica Kreemer	4/3	Daniel Lint	4/20
Anneliese Daniels	4/7	Karen Okey	4/21
Robert W. Stuck	4/10	Robin Cordes	4/23
Cindy Scott	4/13	Becky Johnson	4/24
Susan Carter	4/14	Nancy Lint	4/24
Jensen Dunlap	4/15	James Hannum	4/25
Aaliyah Litman	4/15	Deidra Monastra	4/27
Benson Moden	4/17	Junna Kobayashi	4/30
Beth Hirschman	4/17	Jim Stevens	4/30

Happy Anniversary

Daniel & Lynette Farrar 4/5

Robert & Darlene Lewis 4/9

Robert & Judith Hall 4/17

Richard & Robin Cordes 4/26





April 2023 Calendar



4/2 - Worship Service 10:00am

4/2 - Adult Sunday School 11:30am

<u>4/4 - Mission Endowment 9:00am</u>

<u>4/5 - Snip N Stitch 8:30 - 11:30am</u>

<u>4/5 - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - 9:00pm</u>

<u>4/5</u> - Community Hospice 10am—12noon

<u>4/6</u> - Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7pm

<u>4/7 - '</u>Stations of the Cross' 12:00 noon @ St. Mary's

<u>4/7 - Good Friday Worship Service 7pm</u>

4/9 - 'Easter' Worship Service 10am

4/11 - Church Council 7pm

4/12 - Snip N Stitch 8:30 - 11:30am

4/12 - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - 9pm

<u>4/13 -</u> Bible Study 10:00am

<u>4/13 - Friendship Circle 6pm</u>

4/14 - RSVP for Euchre @ St. Jacob's

<u>4/14 - Community Meal and Clothes Closet</u>

4:30 - 6pm

<u>4/15 -</u> Euchre @ St. Jacob's Church 5:30pm - 9pm

4/16 - Worship Service 10:00am

4/16 - Adult Sunday School 11:30am

4/18 - Finance Committee 6pm

<u>4/19 - Snip N Stitch 8:30 - 11:30am</u>

<u>4/19 - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - 9pm</u>

4/19 - Community Hospice 10am - 12 noon

<u>4/20 -</u> Bible Study 10:00am

<u>4/23 - Worship Service 10:00am</u>

<u>4/26 - Snip N Stitch 8:30am -11:30am</u>

<u>4/26 -</u> Chancel Choir 7:30pm - 9pm

<u>4/27 -</u> Bible Study 10:00am

<u>4/27 - Property Committee 6pm</u>

4/30 - Worship Service 10:00am

<u>4/30 - Adult Sunday School 11:30am</u>



March 2023 Community Meal and Community Closet

Seventy-three (73) people attended our monthly Community Meal and Community Closet on Friday, March 10. All enjoyed a dinner of sausage with peppers and onions, mac and cheese, tossed salad, dinner roll, choice of beverage, and cupcakes for dessert. There were 2 young girls (ages 4 and 5) in attendance with their grandma and grandpa. Both were given a special toy as a gift from the congregation.

We celebrated a couple of special events on this particular evening. First, we had a clear winner in our "predict the winning score of the Super Bowl" contest. Believe it or not, we had a lady who picked the exact final score! In Las Vegas, that probably would have won her a car. In our contest it won her a gift card to Dunkin Donuts.

The second surprise event was the discovery of a pouch full of leprechaun gold coins. These were apparently left by a leprechaun in honor of the St. Patrick's Day holiday. Everyone was permitted to draw one coin out of the bag. Specifically marked coins were rewarded with a prize

We are grateful to have such creative and talented volunteers who dedicate so much time and effort to make our evenings with our friends and neighbors such a fun time for all!

Almost everyone made a visit to the Community Closet. With a wide array of items to choose from, many of our attendees spent more time in the Community Closet than at the Community Meal. We are truly blessed that we can provide such a wonderful gift offering to those in need

Our monthly "special additional needs" tables featuring household goods was again a success with our patrons. This initiative is a wonderful compliment to both the Community Meal and the Community Closet.

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, April 14, from 4:30 to 6:00. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.



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

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!

M.A.C.A. Health Kits

(Massillon Area Clergy Association)

This is just an example of one of the many good things that MACA does.



God's Kitchen Angels

Not all work but lots of fun and of course we love to eat





Friendship Circle

Friendship Circle will meet Thursday, April 13th at 6:00pm in the lounge.

A light supper is served. All are invited.

Tracie Schmolt and Sue Ambrosic will host. Martha Scott will do the Bible study.



Happy 75th Birthday Paula Kritzer



Volunteer today!

'United Way'

Volunteer income tax assistance.

Give back. Learn to prepare. Flexible hours.

Be the expert who helps families keep more money in their households. Volunteers for this program work with families to claim tax credits and save them fees, so they can use their refunds for essential needs like housing, utilities, and transportation.

Sign up: UWSTARK.ORG/VITA

Call: 330)-491-9989

Text: (234)360-0136

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.

Download the St. Paul's Phone APP

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Open the app and search for St Paul's by typing STPLC APP.

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To take advantage of all the app's features you must create an account. Get notifications and reminders of upcoming events, access our live stream worship and worship bulletins, send prayer requests, see the church calendar, and you can even give electronically.

St. Jacob Euchre Night: April 15, 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, April 14th, to Sue Phillabaum at smphillabaum@hotmail.com or Carolyn Carasea at c.carasea@gmail.com

Income and Expense Summary

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Month Ending February, 2023

	<u>February</u>		<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$	21,992	\$ 201,016
Endowment Withdrawal	\$	2,083	\$ 26,690
Expenses	\$	29,697	\$ 216,32 <u>3</u>
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$	(5,622)	\$ 11,383

Stewardship Message Care of Creation Why should we create a compost bin this Spring?

Composting is the process of breaking down organic materials, such as food waste and yard debris, into nutrient-rich soil. There are many reasons why composting is beneficial:

Reducing waste: Composting diverts organic waste from landfills, reducing the amount of waste that ends up in landfills and the associated environmental problems such as greenhouse gas emissions and water pollution.

Improving soil health: Compost adds valuable nutrients to soil, improving its structure, water retention, and ability to support healthy plant growth. It also increases the microbial activity in soil, which can reduce the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Saving money: Composting can reduce the need for fertilizers and soil amendments, which can save money in the long run. Additionally, some municipalities offer free or reduced -cost compost to residents, which can be used for gardening and landscaping.

Conserving water: Compost helps soil retain water, reducing the need for irrigation and conserving water resources.

Promoting sustainability: Composting is a sustainable practice that supports a circular economy by turning waste into a valuable resource. It reduces our reliance on fossil fuel-based fertilizers and supports the health of our environment and communities.

Overall, composting is an easy and effective way to reduce waste, improve soil health, save money, conserve water, and promote sustainability.

For more information on how to create your own compost bin go to: https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home

Dear St. Paul's,

I'm incredibly pleased to present your LIRS 2022 giving summary—an outstanding record of your kindness and compassion. Last year, your generosity supported refugee and immigrant families fleeing violence, persecution, and unspeakable hardships in search of a better life.

Because of you, we truly made a mark! Through your generous support, we welcomed and cared for newcomers and ensured they had the resources they needed to thrive in their new homes, so thank you!

Your Compassion helped reunify separated families, provided cash assistance to people in need, cared for asylum seekers released from detention, protected unaccompanied children, and enabled us to make immense strides in our advocacy for those we serve.

And your generosity helped resettle thousands of people fleeing violence and persecution in Afghanistan, Ukraine, and many other places worldwide. (That's just a few examples of the work you made possible!)

From resettling refugees to providing basic needs and community connections to supporting welcome centers and programs that offer vital resources like education and workforce assistance, your total charitable giving of \$102.00 last year did so much good!

Sincerely, Andrew G. Steele

Vice President for Development and

Mobilization



<u>Cathedral Concerts in the Evening</u> <u>St Paul's Lutheran Church</u>

Harmony Ringers of A Chorus for a Cause Sunday, April 16th, 2023 4:00 pm

*Carillon Prelude at 3:30pm





Harmony Ringers was formed in the summer of 2011 in Canton, Ohio after the folding of another area premiere handbell choir. The Director, Christine Allison, felt the need for those who were ringing, now without a more advanced choir, to still have a place to showcase their talents. Thus the birth of Harmony Ringers, under the umbrella of A Chorus for a Cause. Watch us grow...watch us become Stark County's premier auditioned community handbell choir.

Adult Sunday School Walking in Newness of Life

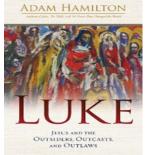


Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:4)

Walking in newness of life now and in the life to come should be our hope and joy. But what does "newness of life" look like for the here and now? As we approach and celebrate the season of Easter, we continue our study and reflection on this directive found in Scripture and also examine the lives of people who, although aging, were being "renewed day by day." We gather each Sunday after morning worship starting at 11:30, upper level Parish Hall. An elevator is available for easy access. Please join us for Bible study and fellowship.

Note: No class on April 9 or April 23rd.

Patty Long



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Beginning February 23rd 10 am
Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws
From Birth to Resurrection in the Gospel of Luke

Jesus came to lift up the lowly. Throughout his ministry to his final days on the road to the cross, we find stories of his

relationships with ordinary, flawed, and unexpected people. He met, dined, and traveled with people who were not perfect. Many of them were struggling, some were outsiders or even outlaws. Whoever they were, from those he healed to the outlaws with him at his crucifixion, Jesus brought the good news of God's kingdom to those who most needed to hear it.

In *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke's stories we find Jesus' care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. As we study Luke and see Jesus' concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today.

Bible Study - Thursday's 10:00am





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