

ST. PAUL'S
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

June 2023


The Bridge
"Connecting Church and Home"



Happy Father's Day!!

June 18, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The day of Pentecost stands as a pivotal moment in the history of Christianity. On this day, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples with incredible power and transformative presence. It was a divine outpouring that changed the course of their lives and ignited the flames of the early Church.

The scene described in the book of Acts is awe-inspiring. The disciples were gathered together, united in purpose and anticipation. Suddenly, a mighty wind filled the room, signifying the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Tongues of fire appeared above each individual, symbolizing the Spirit's presence and anointing. And in that moment, they were filled with the Holy Spirit, enabling them to speak in languages they had not known before.

Pentecost was a fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit as a helper and advocate for the disciples. It marked the birth of the Church and the beginning of its mission to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. The disciples, once timid and fearful, were transformed into bold witnesses for Christ. The same Spirit that empowered them on that day continues to empower believers today.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we too have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit's presence in our lives, we are granted access to God's power, wisdom, and guidance. The Spirit equips us to fulfill our purpose and live out the teachings of Jesus in our daily lives.

Pentecost serves as a reminder that we are not alone in our journey of faith. The Holy Spirit walks alongside us, empowering us to overcome challenges, offering comfort in times of sorrow, and guiding us in making godly decisions. The Spirit helps us to grow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

On this day of Pentecost, let us open our hearts to the work of the Holy Spirit. Let us seek His presence, His guidance, and His transformative power. May we be bold witnesses for Christ, empowered to share the message of God's love and grace with the world around us.

Take a moment to reflect on your own journey of faith. How have you experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life? In what areas do you need the Spirit's empowerment and guidance?

Blessings,

Pastor Mark

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In our prayers today we will remember

Rick Theiss, Kay Burkett, Linda Shaffer, Scott & Darlene Lewis, Jenny Marlow Naida, Grace Johnson, Carrie Hayes, Lyn Lucas, Vickie Groenke, Martha Scott, Rev Larry & Val Lalama, Jessie Shaffer, Lynnette King, Diane Dew, Kaki Hess, Becky Myers & Jeanie Tidwell, Betty Ayers, Michael Grimm, Scott Reeder,, Marsha Paul, Baby Adelyn Wetzel, Sherri Carano, , Janice Sprankle, Russ Poling, Anna Langenfeld, Amy White, Rosemary Stephen, Robert Haas, Chris Collard, Bob Reid, Michael Jordan, Dave Paul, Cheryl Shaw, Steve Kress, Tiffany Weick, Noah Salberg, Bill Ruppel, 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, , Maria Lichtenberger, Hazel Draper, Jennifer Mays, Chad Pittman, Evelyn & Mark Eclm and their friend Bruce,



Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday School class will not meet during the months of June, July, and August. We will plan to resume on Sunday, September 10th. Have a wonderful summer and we'll look forward to our time together beginning again in the fall. May God's abundant blessings continue to be yours.



Patty Long



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Have a great summer! We will start Bible study back up in August.

Pastor Mark Kreemer

Remembering Our Shut-In's

'Vera Gerber'

Vera was born on January 19th. Vera grew up in Newcomerstown and after her high school graduation moved to Stark County in 1949. Vera worked at the Timken Company and stayed at the YMCA in Canton.

Vera met the love of her life, Bob, through her girlfriend. Bob and Vera were married in 1953. They have two beautiful children Sue and Eric.

Did you know that Vera's favorite colors are light green and pink?

Another interesting fact most of you may not have know is that Vera's nephew is a Lutheran Minister.

When Vera was asked what her favorite Bible verses were, she responded that she couldn't just name one because she has so many.



May 10, 2023 Community Meal and Clothing Closet

As we conclude the season of Easter and move into the Pentecost season, we continue to be grateful for the Spirit that inspires us to serve. This month Jack Fortune stayed home to care for Marsha who was recovering from a heart catheterization procedure. We continue to pray for Marsha's recovery and give thanks to all who served during her recovery.

This month we served over 90 members of our community with a fried chicken dinner. Our Clothing Closet was once again open and helping those in need of clothing for the summer months ahead.

Our Community Care Bag Team, led by Veronica Kreemer and Gayle Jackson, were present and served over 45 families. The care bags include: laundry detergent & dryer sheets, dish soap & body wash, paper towels and facial tissues. This ministry is made possible by a generous donation from the Kitchen Angels, Thrivent Action Team Grants, and the St Paul's Mission Endowment.

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 meal is Friday, June 9th, from 4:30 to 6:00. As always, we thank you for your many prayers and continued support of this much needed ministry.



Cultivating Healthy Relationships - Relationship Stewardship

Scripture: Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Relationships are a precious gift from God. They bring us joy, support, and companionship, but they also require intentional care and stewardship. As followers of Christ, we are called to cultivate healthy and loving relationships with those around us.

The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, reminds us of the importance of relationship stewardship. He urges us to be kind and compassionate, just as Christ has been kind and compassionate towards us. This means treating others with love, respect, and empathy, seeking to understand the needs of the other before one's own and offering support when needed.

Relationship stewardship begins with forgiveness. As imperfect beings, we are bound to make mistakes and we hurt the ones we love so easily. But just as God forgave us through Christ's sacrifice, we are called to extend forgiveness to others. Forgiveness doesn't excuse or minimize the pain, but it releases the burden of resentment and allows healing and restoration to take place.

In cultivating healthy relationships, we must also practice active listening. It involves being fully present, paying attention to both the words and emotions being expressed. By listening attentively, we demonstrate that we value and respect the other person, fostering a deeper connection and understanding.

Relationship stewardship also entails practicing kindness and encouragement. Small acts of kindness and words of affirmation can have a significant impact on the well-being and growth of our relationships. Let us seek opportunities to uplift and support one another, offering words of encouragement and acts of service that demonstrate our care and appreciation.

Lastly, relationship stewardship is rooted in unconditional love. As we strive to love others as Christ has loved us, we acknowledge that love is patient, kind, and sacrificial. It involves placing the needs of others before our own, extending grace and understanding, and embracing differences with a spirit of acceptance and unity. (Inspired by Prepare and Enrich)



Friendship Circle

Summer Picnic

Place: Sue Ambrosic's home

Date: June 1, 2023

Time: 6:00pm



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'United Way'

Volunteer income tax assistance.

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Call: (330)-491-9989

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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: **June 10, 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, June 9th, 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 April, 2023

	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 23,961	\$ 243,921
Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 2,083	\$ 35,172
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 30,177</u>	<u>\$ 280,584</u>
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (4,133)	\$ (1,491)



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!

Scholarship Committee Announcement

It's that time of year again to apply or renew scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 fall semester.

New applications and renewals are now all digital!

All renewal applications are sent via email and text to the prior years recipients in the first week of June. New applicants can request an application starting the first of June by texting **Lea Lang at 330-224-2263 for the application link.**

DEADLINE to be considered for the scholarship is Friday, June 30th.

Scholarship recipients will then be voted upon by the Scholarship Committee, recipients will be notified and rewards will be sent via postal mail to the address on the application within the month of July.

Thank you for everyone's grace and cooperation as we have switched to a more digital approach and are now able to better streamline this process.

As always we are keeping our previous scholarship recipients in our prayers as these individuals have been working hard to further their education in their fields.

2022-2023 Recipients

Benjamin Myers

Antonio Davila

Aaliyah Littman

Amelia Deerwester

Lauren Klein

Caroline Deerwester

Aaron Inkinen

Audrey Hepler

Serving During the Month of June 2023



Assisting Minister

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

6/4 - Andrew Lang
6/11 - Scott Larson
6/18 - Carol Stoner
6/25 - Patty Long

Communion Assistants

6/4 - Patty Long & Tracie Schmolt
6/11 - Cindy Lash & Scott Larson
6/18 - Lea Lang & Greg Klein
6/25 - Carol Stoner & Amy Burkett

Greeters

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6/4 - Russ & Mary Ann Poling
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6/25 - Gary Collard

June

Kathryn Myers

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

June

Karl Kalk

Ushers

If you are interested in becoming an Usher. Please contact Dick Longworth at (330)756-2943 or email at richardlongworth7569@gmail.com

June

Eric & Carla Myers
Jim Starret
Shane Jackson

Sacristan



June 2023

<i>Mark Waltz</i>	6/2	<i>Mary Hepler</i>	6/18
<i>Lynette Farrar</i>	6/3	<i>Janice Leone</i>	6/18
<i>Sandra Huth</i>	6/3	<i>Eleanore Grunden</i>	6/20
<i>Shane Jackson</i>	6/10	<i>Ed Davila</i>	6/22
<i>Jeffrey Akey</i>	6/12	<i>Rachel Deerwester</i>	6/22
<i>Joseph Helper</i>	6/12	<i>Faith Hostetler</i>	6/23
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<i>Marissa Cole</i>	6/17	<i>David Stoner</i>	6/25
		<i>Madison Moden</i>	6/30



<i>Jack & Deborah Hoffman</i>	6/5
<i>Thomas & Marcia Wright</i>	6/5
<i>Robert & Joyce Mitcheal</i>	6/7
<i>Craig & Jennifer Maurer</i>	6/12
<i>Grant & Lucinda Lash</i>	6/14
<i>Michael & Lisa Skelly</i>	6/15
<i>Daniel & Nancy Lint</i>	6/22
<i>Joel & Rebecca Moden</i>	6/29

Happy Anniversary



June 2023 Calendar

6/4 - Sunday Worship Service 10am 6/14 - Community Hospice 10—12noon
6/7 - Snip N Stitch 8:30 - 11:30am 6/15 - Bridge Deadline
6/9 - RSVP for Euchre @ St. Jacob's 6/18 - Sunday Worship Service 10am
6/9 - Community Meal & Clothes Closet 4:30—6:00pm 6/20 - Finance Committee 6pm
6/10 - Euchre @ St. Jacob's Church 5:30 - 9:00pm 6/21 - Snip N Stitch 8:30 - 11:30am
6/11 - Sunday Worship Service 10am 6/22 - Property Committee 6pm
6/13 - Church Council 7:00pm 6/25 - Sunday Worship Service 10am
6/14 - Snip N Stitch 8:30 - 11:30am 6/28 - Snip N Stitch 8:30—11:30am



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