

Join us directly following the church service in the Parish hall dining room. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish. We will be meeting the new Director of Music and her family.



Dear Friends in Christ,

In a world filled with empty promises and temporary pleasures, the words of Isaiah 55 resonate as a refreshing invitation from the heart of God. In this passage, we are invited to come and partake in the abundant provision that God freely offers. It is an invitation that extends beyond physical nourishment to the deepest longings of our souls.

God addresses the thirsty and the impoverished, those who are aware of their need and recognize that the world's offerings cannot truly satisfy. He invites them to come to the waters, to drink and be refreshed. But this invitation goes even further; it encompasses all our needs. God invites us to buy wine and milk without money and without cost. It is an invitation to receive His grace, His love, and His abundant blessings freely.

Often, we seek fulfillment in the wrong places. We chase after worldly pleasures, possessions, and pursuits, only to find ourselves still empty and unsatisfied. We invest our time, energy, and resources in things that cannot truly satisfy the deepest longings of our hearts. We settle for temporary pleasures that fade away, leaving us longing for something more.

God's invitation in Isaiah 55 challenges us to reevaluate our priorities. Why spend our lives pursuing what does not truly satisfy? Instead, God urges us to listen attentively and to eat what is good. He desires to satisfy us with the richest of food, nourishing our souls with His truth, love, and presence. Only in Him can we find true satisfaction and fulfillment.

As we respond to God's invitation, we not only find satisfaction for ourselves but also become vessels of His blessings to others. The passage speaks of an everlasting covenant and the faithful love promised to David. In Christ, we are partakers of that covenant, recipients of His steadfast love. God's provision extends beyond our personal needs, as He empowers us to be witnesses to the peoples and instruments of His grace in the world.

The final verses of this passage speak of unexpected blessings and influence. When we align ourselves with God's purposes and live in His abundance, nations we do not know will come running to us. The splendor of God's presence and His work in our lives will be evident, drawing others to Him through our testimony and example.

Today, let us heed the invitation of Isaiah 55. Let us turn our hearts toward God, recognizing that only He can satisfy the deepest longings of our souls. May we seek Him above all else, investing our lives in what truly matters. As we do so, may we become conduits of His blessings, drawing others to Him and experiencing the splendor of His love and grace.

Blessings,

Pastor Mark



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# Church Council Highlights

Your Church Council met on July 11th, welcoming new Council members Gayle Jackson and Kathryn Myers.

The Property and Management Committee reported on various maintenance projects, including the scheduled replacement of the concrete stairs leading up from the Harvard Avenue parking lot. The old stairs will be removed and the new slightly wider stairs are scheduled to be built in August with the construction project lasting two weeks, weather permitting. The concrete steps project is the first within the Capital Campaign. Building endowment funds as well as donations from the Capital Campaign will be used to cover the cost (as approved by the congregation at the May meeting.)

The Worship and Music Committee, in addition to the Search Committee for a new Director of Music and Organist, unanimously recommended to Council Dr. Abigail Haake to fill that position. Council unanimously approved her hiring and proposed compensation. Although Dr. Haake (Abby) will begin planning in mid August for music programs starting in September, her first Sunday as organist will be September 10th. She and her family will be introduced to the congregation on **August 20th**. She will play an anthem during the service that Sunday and join us for the church picnic scheduled for that day.

The Capital Campaign committee has been formed and includes the following members: Sue Ambosic, Gayle Jackson, Jim Johnson, and Greg Klein. Pastor Mark will also work closely with the committee.

Other action taken by Council included approval of the following: The purchase of detailed plans drawn by ProTech Systems for a fully-monitored Fire Detection System; the purchase of two new stoves for the kitchen requested by the Kitchen Angels - the cost of one covered by the Mission Endowment Fund and the other covered by Property and Management; and the purchase and installation of two condensation tank motors for the church boiler system. Other action by Council included regretfully accepting the resignation of Sharon Thieret, our Communications Coordinator, and setting the date for the annual August meeting of the congregation for Sunday, **August 27th**. Please mark your calenders!

Respectfully shared, Patty Long President, Church Council

### **Adult Sunday School**

The adult Sunday School class will not meet during the month of 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.



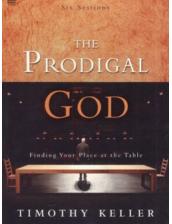


#### **Prayer List Changes**

In order to communicate the names of those who are in need of our more immediate attention and prayers, the names of individuals will be kept on the prayer list found in the church bulletin for one month and then removed. If there is an individual who needs to remain on the list, a call should be made to the church office requesting the name be placed on the list. Please know these changes are being made so we might give particular prayerful attention to those more recently added to the list. Thank you for your kind understanding. - (Worship and Church Music Committee)

#### In our prayers today we will remember

Larry Stoner, Jeremy Hannum, Jackie Howe, Martha Scott, Davis Paul, Craig Maurer, Rick Theiss, The Family of 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, Michael Jordan, Cheryl Shaw, Steve Kress, Tiffany Weick, Noah Salberg, Bill Rupple, Linda Willliams, 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 Lictenberger, Hazel Draper, Jennifer Mays, Evelyn & Mark Eclem and their friend Bruce.



**Thursday Morning** 

**Bible Study** 

Starting September 7th, 10 am

The Prodigal God by Timothy Keller

In six captivating DVD video sessions, pastor and New York Times bestselling author Timothy Keller opens your eyes to the powerful message of Jesus' best-known - and least understood - parable. *The Prodigal God* is a revelation of the very heart of the gospel: God's radical love for sinners of every kind.

Taking you beyond the traditional focus on the wayward younger son, Dr. Keller helps you glean insights from each of the characters in Jesus' parable: the irreligious younger son, the moralistic elder son, and the Father who lavishes his love on both. *The Prodigal God* will challenge the devout and the skeptic alike to see Christianity in a whole new way.

# **Remembering Our Shut-ins**

Janice Leone has been going to St. Pauls' church for 90 years. Her mother took her to church shortly after her birth. Janice was baptized when she was 3 months old.

August 7, 2023 she will celebrate her 90th birthday.

Janice and her husband, Danny, were married at St. Pauls' church in 1951. They celebrated 69 years of marriage before Danny went to be with the Lord three years ago.

Janice has two daughters and one son, five grandchildren, and three greatgrandchildren.

Janice's son and one grandson are commercial pilots. Janice has two grandsons who are professors.



Her favorite color is white. Janice goes to Disney World every year with a grandson.

Janice is a devoted Massillon Tiger's Fan‼

Did you know that Janice enjoyed working with Pastor White when he could no longer see. She helped both Pastor and his wife Clare.

Janice continues to pray nightly for her St. Paul's family.

Her favorite Bible verse is: Psalm 23

# **Community Meal**

Our latest community meal had a July Picnic theme. We served just over 70 people a picnic style dinner of Coney Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, and chips. Everyone who served and attended sends their prayers and love to Jack Fortune who is recovering from a recent hospital stay. We hope to see you back on your feet next month.

Our Clothing Closet was open during the meal helping many families find back-to-school clothes. A special thank you to all who have helped in recent weeks sort and fold our donated clothes.

Our care bag team served approximately 45 families. The care bag includes :laundry detergent and dyer sheets, dish soap, bodywash, facial tissues and paper towels.

# **Clothing Closet**

<u>Please help our organization and storage efforts and be mindful of the season when donating items</u>

Spring/ Summer donations requested 2nd week of April - September 1st

Fall/ Winter donations requested 2nd week of September - April 1st

**ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED** - Personal care items, purses, undergarments (mens underwear and undershirts, womens underwear, bras, pajamas), Seasonally appropriate outerwear like jackets and shoes

HELP SORT CLOTHES- Every 1st SUNDAY of the month following church

HELP SORT CLOTHES-Wednesday, August 9th at 5 pm

HELP DURING SHOPPING - Every 2nd Friday of the Month 4:15 - 6:00pm

Many hands make light work and we appreciate all of your support with one of our most popular ministries!

Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped sort clothing the past couple months. We appreciate the extra help! There is still a lot to do, but we appreciate the help!

# **God's Kitchen Angels**

Gods Kitchen Angels had a nice summer reprieve but we are already gearing up for the fall. We will be again making Chili in September, pumpkin rolls in October and cookies in November. Look for the forms in the bridge and the bulletins. As always we thank you for your support. We gave \$10,350.00 to our church renovation and local non profit organizations! Details will be in the financial report in August. Again thanks for all your support. Sue Ambrosic and all of God's Kitchen Angels Anyone is welcome to join us!

#### **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

Go to your Google or Apple app store on your smart phone and download the "My Church" by Pushpay. It is a free download.

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

Then click on the St Paul's logo, that's it.

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.

#### **Download Today!**

### St. Jacob Euchre Night: August 12, 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, August 11 2023, to Sue Phillabaum at <u>smphillabaum@hotmail.com</u> or Carolyn Carasea at <u>c.carasea@gmail.com</u>





Dear Pastor Mark and Church family,

Thank you to everyone for your continued prayers for Dave, cards, phone calls and hospital visit Pastor Mark.

We are both very grateful for your kindness.

Blessings,

Marsha and Dave Paul



Dear St. Paul's Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and support Jennifer and I received from you during these past two months. I cannot begin to say how much it has helped on my continuing road to recovery.

We realize more than ever how blessed we are to be part of such a loving and caring church family as we have at St. Paul's.

Blessings,

**Craig Maurer** 



### 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



WINE, FOOD, and FALL FUN #2

Led by Loren Veigel

Thursday, October 19, 2023 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

\$200.00 per person

### **Travel Friends:**

I promised you another tour this fall. Of course we are including some wine tastings! However, I don't want to leave out anyone not interested in a total wine tour. so . I'm not telling you all the details, but I'm VERY excited about this itinerary, and can assure you it will include something for everyone!

Here's why you should join us::

We will visit THREE wineries; your tastings are INCLUDED at all three.

Bus rides will be very short - allowing time for TEN total stops all in one day, and all included in your price!

Breakfast, Lunch AND dinner are included!

– We are not visiting a single place that has ever appeared on one of my previous itineraries! ALL NEW STOPS!!

The tour is very inclusive - everything is paid for.

Your price includes: motor coach transport with Pioneer Trails; light breakfast at departure; lunch; dinner; three winery Visits with three tastings paid; tour guide at FIVE sites; meeting winemakers and owners; Loren's planning and tour management.

## WINE TASTING - LUNCH - DINNER - FASCINATING LOCAL AND NATIONAL

#### HISTORY - HUGE VARIETY OF ATTRACTIONS - LOVELY SCENERY

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR GREAT TRAVEL FRIENDS!

SPECIAL NOTE: MODERATE WALKING AND CLIMBING - no long tours!

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR A GREAT DAY OUT - REGISTER SOON.

#### Serving During the Month of August 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



#### 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

#### <u>August</u>

Marcia Wright

#### <u>Ushers</u>

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

#### <u>August</u>

Sue Ambrosic Patty Long Becky Johnson Becky Myers

8/6 - Karl Kalk8/13 - Carol Stoner8/20 - Patty Long8/27 - Veronica Kreemer

#### Communion Assistants

8/6– Kathryn Myers & Don Gray
8/13 - Patty Long & John Stanko
8/20 - Cindy Lash & Scott Larson
8/27 - Lea Lang & Greg Klein

#### **Greeters**

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

8/6 - Gary Collard8/13 - Greg & Linda Klein8/20 - Craig Maurer8/27 - Marilyn Norton

#### <u>Sacristan</u>

<u>August</u> Sandi Bennett

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



#### Income and Expense Summary Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Month Ending June, 2023 June YTD 17,763 \$ 285,075 Income \$ 50,449 Endowment Withdrawal \$ 12,511 \$ 33,270 Expenses \$ \$ 338,140 Surplus or (Deficit) \$ (2,996)\$ (2,616)

# <u>August 2023</u>

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|-----------------|------|
| Grant Lash      | 8/3  |
| Ríchard Stern   | 8/3  |
| Jeannie Tidwell | 8/5  |
| Paul Mutchler   | 8/6  |
| Kim Gray        | 8/7  |
| Brían Johnson   | 8/9  |
| Ríley Hostetler | 8/10 |
| Jared Lafferty  | 8/10 |
| Míchael Skelly  | 8/11 |
| Díanne Books    | 8/13 |
| Gary Collard    | 8/14 |
| Rebecca Moden   | 8/14 |
| Tracie Schmolt  | 8/14 |
| James Myers     | 8/15 |
| Larry Rollins   | 8/16 |
| Eddie Langford  | 8/19 |
| Níall Slater    | 8/19 |
| Jonathon Stuck  | 8/20 |
| Lori Davila     | 8/21 |
| Karl Kalk       | 8/22 |
| Haven Dovel     | 8/23 |
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| Alexander Myers  | 8/23 |
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| Natalía Monastra | 8/24 |
| Antonio Davila   | 8/25 |
| Jack Hoffman     | 8/25 |
| Sabrína Skelly   | 8/28 |
| Patrícía Long    | 8/29 |
| Philip Downey    | 8/30 |
| Amy White        | 8/31 |

## Happy Anniversary



| Gregory & Lynda Klein      | 8/3  |
|----------------------------|------|
| Paul & Karen Daily         | 8/7  |
| Robert & Nancy Morningstar | 8/9  |
| Benjamin & Danese Bunting  | 8/12 |
| Christopher & Sharon Johns | 8/16 |
| Gary & Deborah Brown       | 8/22 |

# August 2023 Calendar

- 8/3 Friendship Circle 6pm
- 8/6 Worship Service 10:00am
- 8/6 Help sort clothes Clothes Closet
- 8/8 Church Council 7:00pm

8/10 - Community Hospice 10 -12noon

8/9-Help sort clothes—Clothes Closet 5:30pm

8/11 - RSVP for Euchre @ St. Jacob's

8/11 - Community Meal & Clothes Closet 4:30 - 6:00pm

8/12 - Euchre @ St. Jacob's 5:30 -9pm

<u>8/13</u> - Worship Service 10:00am

8/15 - Bridge Deadline

8/15 - Finance Committee 6pm

8/20 - Worship Service 10:00am

8/20 - Church picnic

8/24 - Property Committee 6pm

8/27 - Worship Service 10:00am

8/27 - Annual Congregational Meeting

8/28 - Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6pm

Please email newsletter articles to Tracie Schmolt at financeadmin@stpaulsmassillon.org by the 15th of the month. Thank you!!

# <u>Fríendshíp Círcle</u>

Thursday, August 3, 2023



# Gleitsman Lounge 6pm

Anneliese Daniels and Becky Johnson will be our hosts.

Pastor Tim Muse of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Alliance, will be bringing sound bowls and doing a meditation called Sound Bathing. He founded G.R.A.C.E. Life Coaching which provides personalized guidance, support and practical strategies to help achieve your goals and surpass expectations.

All ladies of the church are welcome!

# Farewell and Godspeed







## **Stewardship**

#### The Stewardship of Saying Goodbye

Life is filled with a constant cycle of hellos and goodbyes. Whether it's bidding farewell to a loved one moving away, saying goodbye to a season of life, or parting ways with cherished relationships, goodbyes can be both challenging and bittersweet. However, even in the midst of farewells, we have an opportunity to exercise stewardship in the way we say goodbye.

Stewardship goes beyond managing our resources; it encompasses how we handle and care for the people and relationships entrusted to us. When it comes to saying goodbye, we are called to be intentional and thoughtful, reflecting God's love and grace in our words and actions. First and foremost, saying goodbye with gratitude is an act of stewardship. Gratitude acknowledges the impact and blessings that the person or situation has brought into our lives. It recognizes the goodness and faithfulness of God in the journey we shared. Expressing gratitude helps us shift our focus from the sadness of parting to the joy of having experienced something meaningful together. As stewards of relationships, we are called to cultivate a spirit of gratitude and let it shape our farewells.

Secondly, saying goodbye with love and kindness is an essential aspect of stewardship. Our words and actions carry weight and can deeply impact others. As followers of Christ, we are called to let our love be genuine and to treat others with kindness, even in our goodbyes. This may involve forgiving and seeking forgiveness, extending grace, and offering words of encouragement and affirmation. By doing so, we leave a lasting impression of God's love and grace on the hearts of those we say goodbye to.

Additionally, saying goodbye with faith and hope is a vital part of stewardship. We serve a God who works all things together for good, even in the midst of difficult goodbyes. Our faith assures us that God's plans for our lives and the lives of others extend far beyond our present circumstances. As stewards of hope, we can point others to the promises of God and remind them that the goodbyes we experience on earth are temporary. We can encourage them to trust in God's faithfulness, knowing that He goes before us and will guide us into the future.

Lastly, saying goodbye with a commitment to ongoing connection and support reflects good stewardship. While farewells often bring physical separation, we can still maintain relationships through prayer, encouragement, and staying connected whenever possible. As stewards of relationships, we can make an effort to reach out, check in, and offer support even from a distance. Technology has provided us with numerous ways to bridge the gap, allowing us to continue nurturing the connections we value.

As we say Goodbye to Chad this month, let us embrace the stewardship of saying goodbye. May we express gratitude for the blessings we have received and given to Chad, show love and kindness to those around us who are hardest hit by Chad's leaving, hold onto faith and hope in God's plans for Chad's future ministry as a college teacher, and let us commit to holding Chad in prayer as he embarks on this new journey. In doing so, we honor God in our farewells and leave a lasting impact on the lives of others.

Blessings, Pastor Mark





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#### WORSHIP SERVICES

10:00 A.M. SERVICE

#### ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL Lutheran Church

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