

**ST. PAUL'S
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

July 2023



The Bridge

"Connecting Church and Home"

Summer



Farewell and Godspeed To Our Music Director Chad Pittman July 16th During and After Worship

Come wish Chad farewell as he leaves us to begin his new life in Arizona.

Following worship on July 16th we will have a luncheon in Chad's honor. Council will provide the main course and everyone is invited to bring a side dish to share. We wish Chad God's blessings as he travels west.

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus often taught in parables. He used everyday examples to convey profound spiritual truths about the Kingdom of God. In Chapter 13, Jesus shares a series of parables to illustrate the nature and significance of His kingdom.

The first parable speaks of a tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree, providing shelter for the birds of the air. Jesus compares the mustard seed to the Kingdom of God, emphasizing how something small and seemingly insignificant can grow into something great. It teaches us that God's kingdom may start humbly, but its impact and influence can be extraordinary.

The second parable likens the Kingdom of God to yeast that a woman mixes into a large amount of dough. As the yeast permeates the dough, it causes it to rise and become leavened. This image reveals the transformative power of God's kingdom in our lives. It reminds us that God desires to penetrate every area of our existence and bring about profound change, influencing our thoughts, actions, and character.

Jesus then presents two short parables that emphasize the priceless value of the Kingdom of God. In the first, a person discovers a hidden treasure buried in a field. Overwhelmed by the treasure's worth, the person joyfully sells everything to acquire it. The second parable describes a merchant in search of fine pearls who finds one of great value and sells all he has to obtain it. Both parables teach us that the Kingdom of God is worth more than anything else in this world. It is a treasure of immeasurable worth, surpassing all temporal possessions and desires.

In the final parable, Jesus speaks of a net thrown into the sea, gathering fish of every kind. After the net is filled, the fishermen separate the good fish from the bad. This parable illustrates the ultimate judgment that awaits us all. The Kingdom of God will encompass people from all walks of life, but only those who truly belong to God will inherit eternal life. It reminds us to be discerning and strive to live according to God's will, distinguishing between what is righteous and what is not.

These parables highlight different aspects of the Kingdom of God, emphasizing its growth, transformative power, immeasurable value, and ultimate judgment. They invite us to contemplate the depth of God's love and His desire for a personal relationship with us. They challenge us to seek and embrace the Kingdom of God wholeheartedly, recognizing its surpassing worth and surrendering everything to be a part of it.

As we meditate on these parables, may we be inspired to live in anticipation of the Kingdom of God, allowing its transformative power to take root in our lives. May we cherish the priceless treasure of God's kingdom, giving up worldly attachments and pursuing a life that aligns with God's will. And may we strive to discern what is good and righteous, standing firm in our faith, knowing that the ultimate judgment belongs to God alone.

Blessings,

Pastor Mark

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,In our prayers today we will remember

Larry Stoner, Jeremy Hannum, Jackie Howe, Martha Scott, Davis Paul, Carol Stoner, 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 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, Evelyn & Mark Eclen and their friend Bruce.

Dear church family,

Looking through the many cards Bob, I and our family have received over the last year I realized how many were from you. We have such a caring, supportive church family. You treated Bob with such kindness as Alzheimer's Disease took him away. As we planned his memorial I was overcome with your love and the things you did to make the service and meal so special. The words spoken, the music, food you prepared were such a sign of your love. Looking back at how Bob made our church an important part of his life, from building Habitat homes to teaching Sunday School, to playing bells and singing in the choir, I know he was blessed to be here. I also am blessed by all of your support.

Thank you! I will be forever grateful!

Yours in Christ,
Sue Reid



Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday School class will not meet during the months of 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



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Remembering Our Shut-ins

'Paul and Karen Daily'

Paul started at St. Paul's in the mid 1960's. Karen has been a member since she was eight years old.

Karen's great-great grandparents went to church at St. Paul's and she is related to the Gleitsman and Glesing families.

Paul and Karen were married at St. Paul's in 1960 by Pastor Long. They have three children; Paula Wright, Brian Daily, and Denise Risaliti. They have also been blessed with two beautiful grandchildren; Granddaughter - Eliana and Grandson - Roco.

Both Paul and Karen's favorite color is blue.



Did you know?

Paul was a volunteer Fireman for Jackson Township for eight years.

Karen was an interior decorator and salesman for Finefrocks and Countryside furniture.

Karen's favorite Bible verse is John 3:16

June 2023 Community Meal and Clothes Closet

St. Paul's hosted our monthly Community Meal and Community Closet on Friday, June 9. A total of 79 meals were served.

It was an early summer feel as we served up ham sandwiches with baked beans, applesauce, and chips. Dessert was cheesecake.

We had one child on this particular Friday. In addition to her meal she was given a small gift from the Congregation

The Community Closet was visited by many of those who came to eat. Summertime clothes are much in demand and fortunately we are well stocked. Your generosity of donations has been wonderful! Thank you!

Our monthly "special additional needs" initiative was in full swing on Friday night. There is much need in our community and we are so privileged to be able to help!

It never ceases to amaze me the generosity of this church. Despite increasing costs, we find a way to keep this ministry alive and viable. We are so thankful that our members love the Lord and support this ministry.

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

Jack and Marsha Fortune

Please help our organization and storage efforts and be mindful of the season when donating items

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 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!

Virginia Isabel Long, of Needville, Texas, was a remarkable woman who touched the hearts of all who knew her, died peacefully and left this world to be with her Lord, Jesus Christ, on June 11, 2023. **[Wife of St. Paul's Pastor Long.]**

Born in Columbus, Ohio in 1916, Virginia's journey spanned over a century, during which she lived a life filled with purpose, grace, and devotion. She embraced every moment, leaving an indelible impact on the places she called home and the people whose lives she touched.

As a Lutheran pastor's wife, Virginia stood steadfastly by her husband's side as they traveled to various churches, spreading love and hope in the communities they served. From the bustling streets of the Bronx to Tuckahoe, New York, to Dundalk, Maryland, Massillon, Ohio, Houston, Texas, and even Oslo, Norway, Virginia's unwavering faith and support were a source of inspiration to all. Her dedication to her role and her tireless commitment to the ministries they undertook were a testament to her unwavering spirit.

Virginia's engaging nature and her genuine desire to help others shone brightly throughout her life. She had a unique ability to bring grace and beauty to every corner of her world. With a warm smile and open heart, she embraced those around her, always ready to lend a helping hand or offer words of encouragement. She had a gift for storytelling, enchanting her listeners with tales of her travels, experiences, and the fascinating people she encountered along the way. Her love for literature remained vibrant, even as her eyesight began to wane. With the help of modern technology, she embraced the world of audio books, continuing her intellectual pursuits and sharing her literary passions.

Virginia's creative spirit knew no bounds. Amid raising four beloved boys, she somehow managed to find time to indulge in various crafts. Crocheting, knitting, leatherwork, and painting were just a few of her many talents. Through her creations, she expressed her love, care, and attention to detail, leaving behind tangible pieces of her heart for generations to come.

As we celebrate Virginia's life, we remember those who preceded her in death. She joins her beloved husband, Rev. James R. Long, and her parents, Joseph L. Schorr and Olive S. Schorr, in eternal peace. Though she may be physically absent from our lives, her spirit and love will forever reside in the hearts of her sons: Timothy J. Long of Ashburn, VA; Thomas R. Long of Richmond, TX; Jon R. Long of Boise, ID; and James D. Long of Houston, TX. Additionally, she leaves behind a legacy of grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will cherish her memory and continue to draw inspiration from her remarkable life. Virginia Long was a beacon of love, optimism, encouragement, and prayer. She touched our lives in profound ways, and her absence will undoubtedly be deeply felt. Let us find solace in knowing that her spirit will forever guide and inspire us as we navigate life's joys and challenges.

As we bid farewell to a remarkable woman, her light will continue to shine in our hearts. As we mourn her loss, let us also celebrate the incredible gift of Virginia's life. May her memory be a blessing to us all.



Friendship Circle

July 6, 2023

Glietsman Lounge 6pm

Carol Stoner will lead Bible Study.



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](https://www.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.

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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.

St. Jacob Euchre Night: **July 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, July 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 May, 2023

	May	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 24,074	\$ 267,995
Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 2,083	\$ 37,255
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 26,883</u>	<u>\$ 304,870</u>
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (725)	\$ 380



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!

Stewardship: Water Conservation

Water is a precious resource gifted to us by God. It sustains life, refreshes our bodies, and plays a vital role in the flourishing of creation. Yet, in our fast-paced and consumption-driven world, water conservation often takes a backseat. As stewards of God's creation, it is crucial for us to recognize the importance of conserving water and nurturing the environment God has entrusted to our care.

In the opening chapters of Genesis, we read about the magnificent act of creation. God spoke, and the Earth came to be. Among the wonders of creation, God separated the waters from the dry land, forming seas, rivers, and lakes. Water holds a special place in God's creation, and its beauty and life-giving properties remind us of His providence.

Here are some practical ways that the average person can conserve water in their daily lives:

1. **Be Mindful of Water Usage:** One of the simplest ways to conserve water is to be conscious of how we use it. Avoid leaving taps running unnecessarily and make a habit of turning off the faucet while brushing teeth, washing dishes, or lathering soap. Every drop saved counts.
2. **Fix Leaks and Dripping Faucets:** Leaks can waste a significant amount of water over time. Regularly check your plumbing fixtures for leaks and repair them promptly. A small drip may seem insignificant, but it can add up to a significant amount of wasted water.
3. **Shorten Shower Time:** Showers can consume a large amount of water. Consider reducing your shower time by a few minutes to conserve water. Installing a low-flow showerhead can also significantly reduce water usage without compromising the quality of your shower experience.
4. **Water Plants Efficiently:** When watering plants, be mindful of the amount of water used. Water plants during cooler hours to minimize evaporation, and target the roots directly to avoid unnecessary runoff. Consider using drip irrigation systems or soaker hoses, which deliver water directly to the plants' root zones.

Choose Native and Drought-Tolerant Plants: Landscaping can be a significant source of water consumption. Choose for native plants or those that are well-adapted to your region's climate and require less water to thrive. These plants are often more drought-tolerant and can reduce the need for excessive watering.

Remember, every small effort to conserve water adds up and makes a difference. By being mindful of our water usage and implementing these practices, we can play an active role in preserving this precious resource and honoring God's creation.

Serving During the Month of July 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

7/2 - Kathryn Myers
7/9 - Veronica Kreemer
7/16 - Sue Reid
7/23 - Andrew Lang
7/30 - Scott Larson

Communion Assistants

7/2- Cindy Lash & Don Gray
7/9 - Patty Long & Tracie Schmolt
7/16 - Kathryn Myers & Scott Larson
7/23 - Lea Lang & Greg Klein
7/30 - Carol Stoner & Gayle Jackson

Greeters

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

7/2 - Marilyn Norton
7/9 - Pastor Lynn & Lashelle Williamson
7/16 - Dick & Robin Cordes
7/23 - Debbie Stevens
7/30 - Russ & Mary Ann Poling

July

Mary Ann Poling

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

July

Andrew Lang

Ushers

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

July

Craig Maurer

Karl Kalk

Jack & Marilyn Norton

Sacristan



July 2023

<i>Deborah Hoffman</i>	<i>7/1</i>	<i>Daniel Bennett</i>	<i>7/17</i>
<i>Alayna Dunlap</i>	<i>7/4</i>	<i>Kathryn Sheets</i>	<i>7/20</i>
<i>Diana Burns</i>	<i>7/5</i>	<i>Jacqueline Pritchett</i>	<i>7/22</i>
<i>Robert Lewis</i>	<i>7/5</i>	<i>Harry Morgan</i>	<i>7/24</i>
<i>Donna Vilies</i>	<i>7/5</i>	<i>Ricky Richards</i>	<i>7/24</i>
<i>Marie Stoner</i>	<i>7/9</i>	<i>Betty Ayers</i>	<i>7/27</i>
<i>David Allman</i>	<i>7/10</i>	<i>Caroline Deerwester</i>	<i>7/29</i>
<i>Jackson Lang</i>	<i>7/11</i>	<i>Allison Lang</i>	<i>7/29</i>
<i>Larissa Haring</i>	<i>7/13</i>	<i>Robert Englehart</i>	<i>7/30</i>
<i>Mary Ann Poling</i>	<i>7/13</i>	<i>Jan Geuy</i>	<i>7/30</i>
<i>Anna Langenfeld</i>	<i>7/16</i>	<i>Emma Lafferty</i>	<i>7/30</i>



<i>Scott & Debra Hannum</i>	<i>7/1</i>
<i>James & Barbara Starret</i>	<i>7/10</i>
<i>Michael & Wendy Reiman</i>	<i>7/16</i>
<i>Paul & Linda Mutchler</i>	<i>7/18</i>
<i>David & Amy Burkett</i>	<i>7/22</i>
<i>David & Bronwyn Dourm</i>	<i>7/25</i>
<i>Jim & Debra Stevens</i>	<i>7/26</i>
<i>Jason & Abbie Deuble</i>	<i>7/29</i>
<i>Larry & Marie Stoner</i>	<i>7/31</i>

Happy Anniversary



July 2023 Calendar

<u>7/2</u> - Sunday Worship Service 10am	<u>7/14</u> - RSVP for Euchre @ St. Jacob's
<u>7/3</u> - Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6pm	<u>7/14</u> - Community Meal & Clothes Closet 4:30 - 6pm
<u>7/6</u> - Friendship Circle 6pm	<u>7/15</u> - Bridge Deadline
<u>7/6</u> - Worship & Music Committee 6:30pm	<u>7/15</u> - Euchre @ St. Jacob's Church 5:30—9pm
<u>7/9</u> - Sunday Worship Service 10:00	<u>7/16</u> - Sunday Worship Service 10am
<u>7/11</u> - Mission Endowment 9am	<u>7/18</u> - Finance Committee 6pm
<u>7/11</u> - Church Council 7pm	<u>7/23</u> - Sunday Worship Service 10am
<u>7/12</u> - Community Hospice 10 - 12n	<u>7/27</u> - Property Committee 6pm
	<u>7/30</u> - Sunday Worship Service 10am



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