

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

**October
2023**



Capital Campaign Commitment Sunday October 8th, 2023

We will review the scope of the 5 projects in stage 1 of our capital improvements and make our commitments to making these projects a reality.

St. Paul's Seeking an Administrative Assistant

The primary purpose of this position is to initiate, coordinate, and manage the multiple modes of communication at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, working in collaboration with church staff, leadership and other members of the congregation. It is a part time salaried position – 20 hours per week which includes in-office hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mon. - Fri. The full job description is available on the church web site. We encourage anyone who is interested in the position or who may know someone who would be interested to check out the full description and submit a cover letter and a resume to the church office to the attention of the Staff Support Committee.

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we step into the vibrant season of fall, we are reminded of the beauty in change. The leaves on the trees transition from lush greens to an array of reds, oranges, and yellows. The air becomes crisp, and the days grow shorter. Fall is a testament to the fact that change is a natural part of God's creation.

In Ecclesiastes 3:1, we are told, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Fall is a season of transition, and it serves as a reminder that change is not only inevitable but also ordained by God. Just as the seasons change, so do the seasons of our lives. And in every season, God has a purpose and plan.

1. **Letting Go:** Fall teaches us to let go gracefully. The trees release their leaves, allowing them to fall to the ground. Likewise, we should let go of things that weigh us down – burdens, regrets, and worries. Trust that God is in control, and He will carry us through.
2. **New Beginnings:** As leaves fall to the ground, they create fertile ground for new growth in the spring. Similarly, when we release what's no longer serving us, we make room for God to bring new blessings and opportunities into our lives.
3. **Harvest of Blessings:** Fall is often associated with harvest time. Just as farmers reap what they have sown, we too will experience a harvest in our lives. When we sow seeds of faith, kindness, and love, we can expect God's blessings in due season.
4. **Thanksgiving:** Fall culminates in the celebration of Thanksgiving. It's a time to reflect on God's goodness and give thanks for His gifts. Let's cultivate an attitude of gratitude not just during this season but throughout the year.

God's Unchanging Love: While seasons change, one thing remains constant – God's love for us. In every season of life, through the ups and downs, God is with us, guiding us, and loving us unconditionally.

As we marvel at the beauty of fall, let's also embrace the spiritual lessons it offers. Let's trust in God's perfect timing, let go of what hinders us, and look forward to the new beginnings and harvests He has in store. In all things, let's remember that God's love is the one constant that will see us through every season of life.

Blessings,

Pastor Mark



Just a reminder: Please do not buy gift cards if you receive an email or a text message from Pastor Mark or anyone on the Church Council requesting you to do so. We will use the church's credit cards to purchase gift cards if we need them. There have been many scam emails and text messages. If you think it really is someone from church please talk to them directly before purchasing anything. Thank you!!

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Amy White

Church Council Highlights

Your Church Council met on Tuesday evening, September 12th. In Pastor Mark's report, he announced that October 29th, which is Reformation Sunday, will likely also be Confirmation Sunday for our youth. Pastor also reported that he has worked with Carol Butler to update her on various technology applications as she works approximately 6 hours a week to provide office support for Pastor Mark and Dr. Haake. We are advertising for a new office administrator but at this time, we have not received any applications. We are very grateful for Carol's willingness to help with various tasks while we wait to fill the office staff position. Pastor Mark also informed us that Eddie has been unable to work for several weeks because of a back ailment. Gary Collard has kindly agreed to help out with some of the custodial work until Eddie can return, and we thank him for his willingness. Both Carol and Gary are being paid for their services to the church.

The Capital Campaign Committee has met and scheduled a special pledge Sunday for October 8th. As of the writing of this summary, \$55,860 have been donated to cover the first capital improvement project which is the back concrete stairs leading up from the Harvard Ave. parking lot. The Kitchen Angels have donated \$8,000 to go toward the renovation of the Gleitsman Lounge, for a total amount of giving at \$63,860 for the Capital Campaign. This is a wonderful start. Thanks to all who have and will give!

Related to the Capital Campaign, and in consultation with the Property Management Committee, a request was made to reorder the capital improvement projects. The Gleitsman Lounge will be the next area to be renovated and improved, the handicap-accessible bathrooms to be built across from the lounge will be next, followed by the installation of a complete fire alarm system, and the last, renovation of the east entry of the church building to improve accessibility. The reordering was approved by Church Council. (Until the more sophisticated system can be installed, fire alarms and carbon monoxide detectors have been strategically placed throughout the three buildings on our church campus and can be monitored by several church leaders including Jim Johnson and Pastor Mark.)

As a part of the Welfare and Social Action Committee, Cindy Lash reported that the food (and other essentials) collection will begin in October for the 15 families the Salvation Army has identified for our church to support during the Christmas Season. Watch for this list of items requested for each of the upcoming Sundays through December 10th.

The Worship and Music Committee is finalizing the publicity materials for our 2023-2024 Cathedral Concert Series and will be distributed very soon. All are encouraged to attend these special concerts.

Church Council regrettably accepted the resignation of Gayle Jackson from its membership. The Church Constitution permits Church Council to "elect by majority vote a successor until the next annual meeting." If you would like to be considered for this vacancy, please let me or anyone on Council know of your interest.

Respectfully shared,
Patty Long
President, Church Council

Adult Sunday School



I Want to Know Him

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father...." (John 14:9)

During the month of October, we continue our Bible study on better knowing the person and work of Jesus Christ. And to think, the better we know Jesus, the better we know God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth! We meet together following the Sunday worship service on the top floor of Parish Hall. An elevator is available for easy access. Please join us as we enjoy fellowship together and learn more about our Lord Jesus Christ.



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

Pat Adams, Roger Blyer, Lisa Campbell, Judy Clarkson, Chris Collard, Bobbee DeGordon, Jeremy Hannum, Michael Jordan, Maria Lichtenberge, Dick Longworth, Craig Maurer, Lynne Nunley, Jess Rohr, Adam Sadler, Martha Scott, Linda Shaffer, Chrissy Sturtz



Our Sympathies

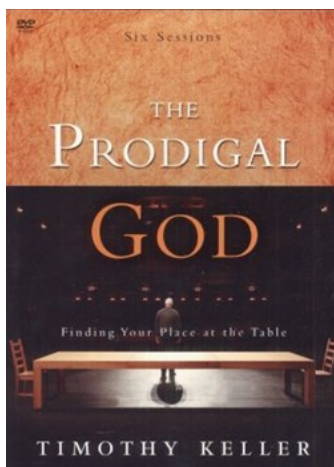
Please keep the family of Jackie Howe, who passed away on August 31st, in your prayers. The funeral was at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Massillon, on September 9th. May God Bless and keep them in their time of mourning.

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

Robert Dean Haas was born on March 9, 1928, in Strasburg, Ohio. He graduated in 1946 from Strasburg High School.

He immediately enlisted in the U.S. Army to follow in his two brothers' footsteps. He was honorably discharged in 1947 and transferred to the Army Reserves. He married his high school sweetheart in 1950. He and Bonnie had two girls, Elizabeth, and Barbara. In 1951 Bob graduated from Akron University but before getting a chance to teach he was called to active duty. He was deployed to Korea during which time he was promoted to Second Lieutenant and Commander over forty men. He returned home in July of 1953 and was back in the Reserves.

In 1953 he began his teaching and coaching career. His first year was at his alma mater, Strasburg High School. Then he was lured to Massillon Schools. From 1954 to 1985 he worked his way from a teacher and a coach, to principal of Whittier School, to Assistant Superintendent of Massillon City Schools. In 1985 he retired from the school system but couldn't sit still so he went to work for a reserve life insurance company as director of Union benefits. He retired in 1995.

Bob spent 50 years in the military retiring as Major General of the Ohio Military Reserves. He received 18 medals and awards for his service.

His two most honorable achievements was becoming Commander of the Ohio Military Reserves in 1993 and being inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

At 95 Bob enjoys a quieter life. He still loves spending time with his family and friends and his dog Butch, and has a million stories he can tell.

He enjoys sweets and yes, occasionally a glass of Wine!

1946



1996



In Loving Memory March 9, 1928—September 28, 2023

Community Meal

St. Paul's welcomed eighty-one (81) guests to our monthly Community Meal and Community Closet on Friday, September 8.

Our late summer meal consisted of fried chicken, potato salad, mixed fruit, dinner roll, beverage, and a choice of either jello or spice cake for dessert.

Among the attendees was 1 very young boy. He was given a small toy as a gift from the congregation.

Nearly all attendees visited both the Community Closet and our "special additional needs" tables either before or after the meal. As the cooler months are approaching, we are striving to have suitable warm clothing available. Please remember us and help us as best you can. It is clear that there is much need in our community.

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, October 13, from 4:30 to 6:00. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

Clothing Closet

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-The 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month (October 4th & October 18th)

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 organize, but we appreciate the help!

* Please contact Sue Ambrosic at 330-832-5798 if you would like to have the Altar or *
* Throne Flowers for 2023. Thank you! *

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: October 14, 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, October 13, 2023, to Sue Phillabaum
at smphillabaum@hotmail.com or
Carolyn Carasea at c.carasea@gmail.com**



Pumpkin Rolls

St Paul's Kitchen Angels are
making pumpkin rolls.

\$8.00 (5'inch) Half

\$15.00 (10" inch) Whole

ALL orders MUST be received by October 15th.

Orders may be dropped off in offering plate, the office, or
you can call Sue Ambrosic at 330.832.5798

Pick up date will be October 29th!

These are great for holiday get togethers and freeze well!



God's Kitchen Angels

Making chilli

2023



2022



Cathedral Concerts
— IN THE EVENING —

Sunday, October 15, 2023, 7:00 PM
Hymn Festival with Tom Trenney and
the choir of First-Plymouth Church



Saturday, October 28, 2023, 5:00 PM
The University of Michigan
Men's Glee Club

Saturday, November 18, 2023, 7:15 PM
Singers Companye



Sunday, March 10, 2024, 5:00 PM
Hector Olivera, Organist

Sunday, April 28, 2024, 2:00 PM
The Canton Symphony
Orchestra Chorus



Sunday, May 19, 2024, 5:00 PM
Camarada Brass Quintet
& Silver and Strings Trio



CONCERTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL. YOUR FREEWILL OFFERING IS GRACIOUSLY RECEIVED.



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Serving During the Month of October 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



10/1 - Karl Kalk

10/8 - Carol Stoner

10/15 - Scott Larson

10/22 - Veronica Kreemer

10/29 - Kathryn Myers

Communion Assistants

10/1 - Lea Lang & Tracie Schmolt

10/8 - Carol Stoner

10/15 - Kathryn Myers & Don Gray

10/22 - Patty Long & John Stanko

10/29 - Cindy Lash & Scott Larson

Greeters

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

10/1 - Russ & Mary Ann Poling

10/8 - Greg & Lynda Klein

10/15 - Gary Collard

10/22 - Craig Maurer

10/29 - Marilyn Norton

Sacristan

Sue Ambrosic

*Thank you to Lynda Klein for taking care of September!

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

October

Patty Long

Ushers

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

October

Jack & Marsha Fortune

Shane Jackson

John Liebermann



Income and Expense Summary

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Month Ending August 2023

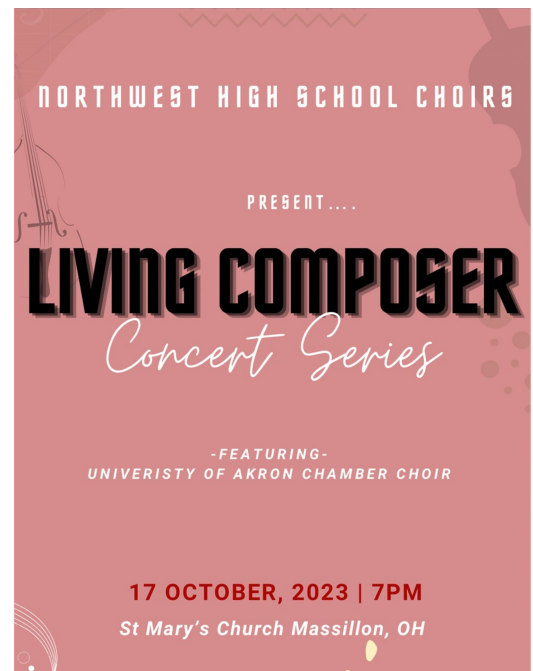
	August	YTD
Income	\$ 28,835	\$ 51,269
Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 2,083	\$ 4,167
Expenses	\$ 21,507	\$ 44,601
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 9,411	\$ 10,835



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| 1. Robert Mitchael | 18. Georgiana Lafferty |
| 3. Serenity Brumfield, Monte Geuy, Bob Long, Michael Reiman | 19. Vivian Getz, Jennifer Larson |
| 6. Lori Miday | 20. Michael Deerwester |
| 7. Joyce Mitcheal | 22. Lee DiLoreto |
| 12. Heather Hall | 24. Tracie Brumfield, John Haake |
| 14. Charles Richards | 25. Danese Bunting |
| 15. William Davila | 27. Rev. Lynn Williamson |
| 17. Charles Gesen | 29. Kathleen Corban, Robert Morningstar |
| | 31. Brittany Hostetler, Jill Wallace |



Oct. 7th - Jared & Emma Lafferty
Oct. 21st - Lawrence & Kim Oberlin



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



10/1- Worship Service 10:00am

10/3 - Worship & Music Committee 6:30pm

10/4- Snip N Stich 8:30 a.m.

10/4- Help sort clothes - Clothes Closet 5:30pm

10/5- Bible Study 10:00 am

10/5 - Friendship Circle 6pm

10/10 - Mission Endowment 9:00am

10/10- Church Council 7:00pm

10/11- Snip N Stich 8:30 a.m.

10/12 - Bible Study 10 am

10/13- RSVP for Euchre @ St. Jacob's

10/13- Community Meal & Clothes Closet 4:30 – 6:00pm

10/14- Euchre @ St. Jacob's 5:30 –9pm

10/15- Worship Service 10:00am

10/15 - Hymn Festival with Tom Trenney and the choir of First Plymouth Church 7:00pm

10/15 - Bridge Deadline

10/17 - University of Akron Chamber Choir & Northwest High School Choir - St Mary's 7pm

10/18 - Snip N Stich 8:30 a.m.

10/18- Help sort clothes—Clothes Closet 5:30pm

10/18- Snip N Stich 8:30 a.m.

10/19 - Bible Study 10 am

10/22- Worship Service 10:00am

10/25 - Snip N Stich 8:30 a.m.

10/26 - Bible Study 10:00 am

10/28 - The University of Michigan Men's Glee Club 5:00pm

10/29- Worship Service 10:00am

10/30 - Red Cross Blood Drive

Friendship Circle

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Gleitsman Lounge 6pm

Carol Stoner and Deb Hannum will be our hostesses.

LaShell Williamson will provide our Bible study.

All ladies of the church are welcome!





Sunday, October 15, 7:00 PM:

Hymn Festival With Tom Trenney and the Choir of First-Plymouth Church

Composer, conductor, organist, preacher, and teacher Tom Trenney has been blessed to serve as Minister of Music to First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, since 2009. In 2019, he became Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choirs at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Tom's choirs have been honored to perform for state, regional, and national conventions of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), and they have been award winners in the American Prize for choral ensembles. He serves as Music in Worship Chair for Midwest ACDA. Tom has been a featured performer at churches, colleges, and concert halls across the country and his choral compositions are published by Augsburg Fortress, Beckenhorst Press, Choristers Guild, E.C. Schirmer/Galaxy, Morningstar, Musicspoke, Pavane, and G. Schirmer. Tom is a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music and the Eastman School of Music.

The Plymouth Choir sings weekly for worship at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska—a diverse and inclusive community of faith called to increase the love of God and neighbor. The choir's rich history has included more than a dozen recordings, five international tours, and performances under legendary conductors. Recent performances have taken the choir from McCook, Nebraska, to Painesville, Ohio; from Washington's Kennedy Center to NYC's Carnegie Hall; and from Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach to the Nebraska State Penitentiary.



Saturday, October 28, 5:00 PM:

The University of Michigan Men's Glee Club

The University of Michigan Men's Glee Club is the second oldest collegiate chorus in the United States, and has long been acclaimed as one of the finest male choruses in the world. It is the oldest musical group on campus, as well as the oldest student organization at the University. Once only a group of six or eight men, it has blossomed into a group of over 100 men and non-binary individuals representing a majority of the schools and colleges at the University of Michigan.

Thank you

St Paul's Church Council and Members,

Thank you so much for the scholarship funds that you have awarded me. These funds are so very helpful and very much appreciated. I will be taking a 5th year at OSU to complete my engineering degree. Hopefully I will also be able to work in an internship program. Thank you again, Aaliya Litman

Dear St Paul's Family,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship gift. It helps me immensely on my journey pursuing my Master's in nursing leadership. Your ongoing support means the world to me. Love, Lauren Klein

Dear St Paul's Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for your continual support of my education. I am so thrilled to be starting my senior year and your help is deeply appreciated. It will be incredibly helpful to use your contributions for my tuition and supply costs, and I certainly will not forget your generosity and continued support! Audrey Hepler

Welfare & Social Action Committee
Collection of Nonperishable food and misc items for
the Salvation Army Christmas families

Believe it or not, Christmas is right around the corner.
St. Paul's will adopt 15 families in need of our support this Christmas season.
There will be more details to come on the families we adopt from the Salvation Army.
We need to start collecting food in October for our families. Please place your donations in the boxes provided in the side and rear entrances to the church. Monetary donations are also welcomed, to assist in purchasing perishable items, just prior to distribution. If writing a check, please make it out to St. Paul's, noting the donation is for Christmas families. Any questions, please contact any committee member or me at (330)417-7407. Thank you for your help in the past. Looking forward to another successful Christmas project this year!

Oct. 22 Tea and Coffee

Oct. 29 Peanut Butter and Jelly

Nov. 5 Canned Soups and Pork n Beans

Nov. 12 Cereal and Mixes (cake, brownie, muffins, Bisquick)

Nov. 19 Canned Fruits and Vegetables

Nov. 26 Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Instant Potatoes

Dec. 3 Paper products (paper towels, facial tissues, toilet tissue)

Dec, 10 Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes

There will be a Salvation Army Box in the side door of the church.

Thank you for your generosity.

Blessings and peace,

Cindy Lash,

Welfare & Social Action Committee

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