

ST. PAUL'S  
EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

November  
2023



*Cathedral Concerts*

— IN THE EVENING —

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



### **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,

All Saints' Day is a sacred occasion in the Christian calendar that allows us to commemorate the lives of the saints who have gone before us. It is a day to remember and celebrate the faithful departed who have left a lasting legacy of faith, love, and devotion to God. As we gather on the first Sunday in November, let us reflect on the significance of All Saints' Day and how it can inspire us to lead lives of greater holiness and purpose.

The Communion of Saints:

In the Christian faith, the "communion of saints" represents the interconnectedness of all believers, both living and departed. All Saints' Day is a reminder that our faith transcends the boundaries of time and space. We are not alone in our journey of faith; we are part of a vast and timeless community of believers. The saints who have gone before us serve as examples of what it means to live a life dedicated to God.

The Saint in Each of Us:

While we often associate saints with extraordinary individuals who performed miracles and lived remarkable lives, we must remember that each of us has the potential to be a saint in our own way. The word "saint" comes from the Latin word "sanctus," which means "holy" or "set apart." We are called to be set apart for God, to live lives of holiness, love, and service.

Remembering the Faithful Departed:

All Saints' Day is an opportunity to remember not only the well-known saints but also our loved ones who have passed away. It is a time to cherish the memories of those who have shaped our faith and our lives. As we light candles, offer prayers, and visit gravesites, we express our gratitude for the impact they had on us.

The lives of the saints, both well-known and personal, serve as a source of inspiration. They remind us that holiness is attainable, that we can make a difference in the world, and that our faith can be a light in the darkness. As we celebrate All Saints' Day, let us recommit ourselves to a life of faith, love, and service, striving to be saints in our own unique way.

All Saints' Day is a day of remembrance, gratitude, and inspiration. It reminds us that the call to holiness is universal, and that we are part of a larger community of believers, both living and departed. As we honor the faithful departed and seek to emulate their example, may we find the strength and inspiration to live lives that bring glory to God and light to the world.

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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Cindy Lash  
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## Church Council Highlights

Your Church Council met on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. The evening before, we had received word that our brother-in-Christ and fellow Council member, Don Gray, had died after a short illness. We opened and ended our meeting with prayer, giving thanks for the privilege of knowing and loving Don and for his work in the various ministries at St. Paul's. He will be dearly missed.

It was reported that pledges were received by many in our congregation on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, to financially support the capital campaign. Individuals who were not in attendance on that Sunday may still make a commitment to give by filling out a pledge form and placing it in the offering plate or dropping it off at the church office.

The first capital improvement project, the stairs leading up from the Harvard Ave. parking lot, has been completed. The final cost of the project was \$87,364. The next capital improvement project will be the renovation of Gleitsman Lounge. A motion was made and passed to once again reorder the projects so, after the lounge, the next project will likely be the renovation of the east entry of the church building to improve accessibility. The reordering is due to a sizeable donation that will be received from Rick Richards specifically targeting the entry way renovation. As capital campaign funds continue to be received, work can also be done to complete the lounge renovation and begin the new accessible bathroom construction across from the lounge.

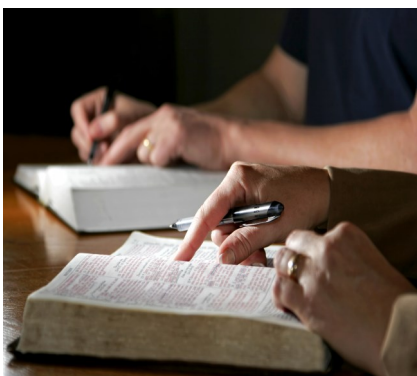
With the vacancy left by Gayle Jackson's resignation, David Stoner asked to be considered for her term. Council unanimously voted to approve inviting David to join Council. Official action to fill the seat will occur at the next congregational meeting to be held in May, per the Church Constitution. Council is very grateful for David's willingness to serve.

A motion was made and approved to hire Jennifer Daly to serve as church custodian while Eddie Langford is on unpaid leave. Carol Butler has been hired to offer a few hours each week in office support including maintaining the church website, the outdoor sign, the bulletin, and copying. We are grateful to Carol and Jennifer for their willingness to help in these essential areas.

Respectfully shared,  
Patty Long  
President, Church Council

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## Adult Sunday School



Praying the prayers of those who have gone before us can be an amazing way to strengthen our own prayer lives. During the month of November, we will turn our attention to the prayers of those who lifted up their fears, trouble, doubt, and praise to the Lord in prayer and found a loving, compassionate, and powerful Father God responding. The Adult Sunday School class meets following the morning worship service on the top floor of Parish Hall. An elevator is available for easy access. Come and study with us and enjoy the fellowship!



### **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, Brenda Brown, Roxie Bader, Lisa Campbell, Chris Collard, Dick Longworth, Martha Scott, Linda Shaffer, Rick Sofir, Chrissy Sturtz*



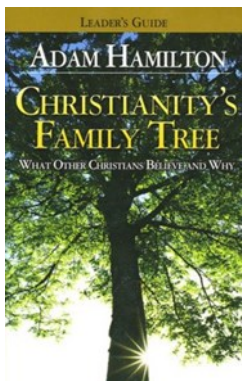
### **Our Sympathies**

Please keep the family of Robert Haas, who passed away on September 29th, in your prayers. The funeral was at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Massillon, on October 3rd. May God Bless and keep them in their time of mourning.

Please keep the family of Don Gray, who passed away on October 10th, in your prayers. The funeral was at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Massillon, on October 17th. May God Bless and keep them in their time of mourning.

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## **Thursday Morning Bible Study Starting October 26th, 10 am Christianity's Family Tree by Adam Hamilton**



Adam Hamilton presents eight Christian denominations and faith traditions pointing out that each has a unique, valuable perspective to offer on the Christian faith. Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism, and Methodism. Step-by-step session plans for each week, including goals, prayers, Scripture, discussion questions, activities, key insights, notable quotes, and leader "extras" are included, along with reproducible handouts for participants to use during the week, helpful hints, and flexible session formats.



# *Cathedral Concerts*

— IN THE EVENING —



**Singers Companye,**

**Saturday, November 18, 7:15 PM.**

Northeast Ohio's brilliant chamber choir will present Dan Forrest's "Lux: The Dawn From On High" with the VoxMixChamber Ensemble. The program also features breathtaking works by Reginal Wright, Fred Gramann, and Kim Andre Arnesen.

# Community Meal

Well, folks, it's the fall of the year. We are seeing cooler days and cooler nights. The needs of those in need do not change. A hot meal, warm clothing, much needed household items, and the comradery of being with friends and companions attracted 89 guests to our October edition of St. Paul's Community Meal and Community Closet.

Our meal consisted of BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, green beans, applesauce, beverage, and either a brownie or cookie for dessert. There was plenty for all, including numerous seconds.

Most in attendance visited the Community Closet either before or after the meal. With cold weather approaching, warm coats, gloves, as well as woolen socks and other warm clothing are much in need. In addition, new underwear is always in short supply. If you can buy some extra underwear and donate it to the Community Closet, we will see that it is put to good use.

Our "care bag" tables offering general household items to those in need was once again very popular. By the end of the night nearly all items were distributed. Praise God!

Thanks so much to our many volunteers for their time and effort in support of this important 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, November 10, from 4:30 to 6:00. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

Jack & Marsha Fortune

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## 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 (November 1st & 15th)

**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 who 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!

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

### **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: November 11, 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**



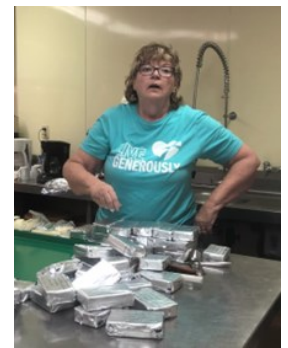
*We hope some of your congregation at St. Paul's in Massillon will come to enjoy the fun, fellowship, and food. You will note there is a \$5.00 donation. This goes toward prizes and a contribution to a need identified by the group.*

**RSVP by Friday, November 10, 2023, to Sue Phillabaum  
at [smphillabaum@hotmail.com](mailto:smphillabaum@hotmail.com) or  
Carolyn Carasea at [c.carasea@gmail.com](mailto:c.carasea@gmail.com)**



# God's Kitchen Angels

## Making pumpkin rolls



### St. Paul's Kitchen Angels

## **Homemade cut-out Christmas cookies**

Price: \$8.00/ dozen

All orders need to be in by November 12th.

Orders may be dropped off in the offering plate, the church office, or you can call

Sue Ambrosic at: 330-832-5798.

Pick up date is November 19th.







**Pictures from:  
Saturday, October 28, 2023,  
The University of Michigan  
Men's Glee Club**



## Serving During the Month of November 2023



### **Assisting Minister**

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



**11/5** - Sue Reid  
**11/12** - Andrew Lang  
**11/19** - Scott Larson  
**11/26** - Karl Kalk

### **Communion Assistants**

**11/5** - Lea Lang & Greg Klein  
**11/12** - Carol Stoner & David Stoner  
**11/19** - Kathryn Myers & Gary Collard  
**11/26** - Patty Long & Tracie Schmolt

### **Greeters**

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

**11/5** - Rob Pritchett  
**11/12** - Rev. Lynn & LaShell Williamson  
**11/19** - Dick & Robin Cordes  
**11/26** - Russ & Mary Ann Poling

### **Sacristan**

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](mailto:KarlKal@msn.com)

### **November**

Eric Myers Family

### **Ushers**

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

### **November**

John & Jennifer Stanko  
Jim Myers  
David Stoner



### **Income and Expense Summary**

#### **Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Month Ending September 2023**

	<b><u>September</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$23, 917</b>	<b>\$75,186</b>
<b>Endowment Withdrawal</b>	<b>\$2,083</b>	<b>\$6,250</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>\$24,627</u></b>	<b><u>\$69,228</u></b>
<b>Surplus or (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$1,374</b>	<b>\$12,209</b>





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|---|------------------------------------|
| 2. Darrell Books                              | 16. Paul White                     |
| 4. Jennifer Johnson                           | 18. Amanda Gray, Jack Norton       |
| 5. Russell Poling                             | 19. Kim Oberlin                    |
| 6. Phylis Staver, Shirley Widing              | 20. Lindsay Mays                   |
| 7. Bryan Corban, Gail Funderburk              | 22. Corey Larson                   |
| 9. Daniel Hepler                              | 23. D. Richard Getz, Dennis Morgan |
| 11. Jonathan Litman                           | 24. JuDee Reed                     |
| 12. Miho Kobayashi, Mary Martin, Craig Maurer | 25. Debra Stevens                  |
| 14. Lynda Klein                               | 26. Mathew Blaine                  |
| 15. Judith Allman                             | 29. Ray Jones                      |

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## God's Kitchen Angels

God's Kitchen Angels will meet December 12th at noon. Place to be determined. We would LOVE for you to join us!!!

Please contact Sue Ambrosic for more information.

Please email newsletter articles to Tracie Schmolt at [financeadmin@stpaulsmassillon.org](mailto:financeadmin@stpaulsmassillon.org) by the 15th of the month. Thank you!!



11/1 Snip N Stich 8:30 a.m.

11/1– Help sort clothes - Clothes Closet 5:30pm

11/2 - Friendship Circle 6pm

11/5 - Daylight Saving time

11/5- Worship Service 10:00am

11/6 - Red Cross Blood Drive

11/7 - Worship & Music Committee 6:30pm

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

11/9- Bible Study 10:00 am

11/10 RSVP for Euchre @ St. Jacob's

11/10- Community Meal & Clothes Closet 4:30 – 6:00pm

11/11- Euchre @ St. Jacob's 5:30 –9pm

11/12 - Worship Service 10:00am

11/14 - Church Council 7:00pm

11/15 Snip N Stich 8:30 a.m.

11/15 Help sort clothes—Clothes Closet 5:30pm

11/15 - Bridge Deadline

11/16 - Bible Study 10 am

11/18 - Singers Compayne 7:15pm

11/19- Worship Service 10:00am

10/21 - God's Kitchen Angels 12:00pm

11/21 - Finance Committee 6:00pm

11/22- Snip N Stich 8:30 a.m.

11/23 - Thanksgiving

11/25 - Decorate the church 9:00am

11/26 Worship Service 10:00am

11/29- Snip N Stich 8:30 a.m.

11/30- Bible Study 10:00 am

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## *Friendship Circle*

*Thursday, November 2, 2023*

**Gleitsman Lounge 6pm**



**Kim Oberlin and JuDee Reed will be our hostesses.**

**Carol Stoner will provide our Bible study.**

**All ladies of the church are welcome!**



**Pictures from:  
Sunday, October 15, 2023**

**Hymn Festival with Tom Trenney  
and  
the choir of First-Plymouth  
Church**



## **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 are now collecting food 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 at the side door of the church.

Thank you for your generosity.

Blessings and peace,

Cindy Lash

Welfare & Social Action Committee



## **Decorating the Church - Saturday, November 25th**

The Worship and Church Music Committee would like to invite everyone who would be willing to help decorate the church for Christmas to join us at 9:00 am on Saturday, November 25th. This task usually takes about two hours to complete and the more people there are to help the easier it is. Please put it on your calendar and join with us as we prepare our worship space for the Christmas Season.

**Check us out on:**



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10:00 A.M. SERVICE

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