



## St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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April 2024 Newsletter

# The Bridge

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## **Pastoral message: Anticipating Easter**



Dear friends in Christ,

As we approach Easter Sunday, our hearts are filled with anticipation and joy as we prepare to celebrate the most significant event in human history—the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Easter is not merely a date on the calendar; it is a profound reminder of God's unwavering love, His power to overcome death, and the hope that springs eternal because of His victory.

In the midst of a world often marred by uncertainty, pain, and despair, the message of Easter shines brightly as a beacon of hope. It speaks of a love that transcends all barriers, a redemption that knows no bounds, and a promise of new life that is available to each one of us through faith in Jesus Christ.

The resurrection is the linchpin of our faith—the moment when Jesus triumphed over sin and death, offering forgiveness, reconciliation, and eternal life to all who believe in Him. It is a reminder that even in our darkest moments, God is at work, bringing beauty out of ashes, and transforming lives with His resurrection power.

As we gather together this Easter, whether in person or virtually, let us do so with hearts full of gratitude and praise for the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and the victory He secured through His resurrection. Let us worship with joy, knowing that the tomb is empty, and our Savior lives forevermore.

Let this Easter be a time of renewal and recommitment—a time to rekindle our passion for Jesus and our love for one another. Let us be beacons of hope in our communities, sharing the good news of the resurrection with boldness and compassion, and extending the same grace and mercy that we have received from our Heavenly Father.

May the hope of Easter fill your hearts with joy, your minds with peace, and your lives with purpose. And may you experience the transformative power of Christ's resurrection in every area of your life.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyous Easter!

Blessings,  
Pastor Mark

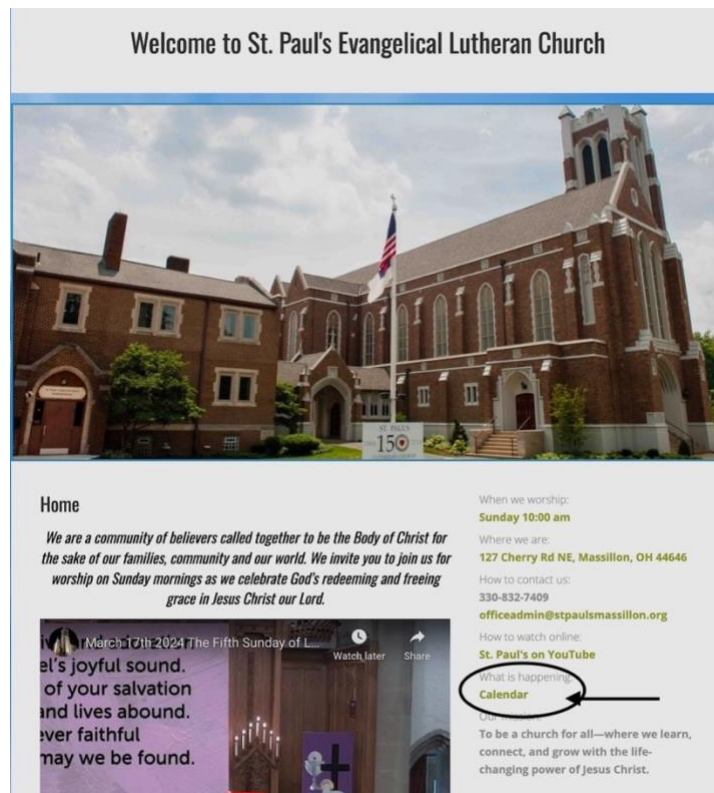


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# Upcoming events

The [church calendar](#) is always available on every page of the church [website](#) on the right side, along with the church address, phone number, email address, and Youtube link for the online services. This calendar contains the most up-to-date listing of events.

[Click to see Church Calendar](#)



Screenshot of right side of our church website, indicating the calendar: [stpaulsmassillon.org](http://stpaulsmassillon.org).

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## *Events that occur every week*

Sunday: **Worship** 10:00 am

Sunday: **Sunday School** 11:30 am

(*No Sunday School* for adults, children, or youth on Easter.)

Wednesday: **Snip-N-Stitch** 9:00 am

Wednesday: **Bells** 6-6:50 pm (April 17 and 24)

Wednesday: **Choir** 7-8:30 pm

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### *Regular monthly events*

Thursday, April 4, 6 pm--**Friendship Circle**  
Tuesday, April 9, 7 pm--**Church Council**  
Friday, April 12, 4:30 pm--**Community Meal and Clothes Closet**  
Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 pm--**Worship and Music Committee (rescheduled)**

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## ***Holy Week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church***

**Maundy Thursday:** March 28, 7 pm  
**Community Stations of the Cross:** Friday, March 29, noon  
(at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church)  
**Good Friday:** March 29, 7 pm  
**Easter Sunrise Service:** Sunday March 31, 7:30 am  
**Easter Morning Service:** Sunday March 31, 10 am

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**ATTENTION:** A special **Congregational Meeting** will be held on **April 14** to approve expenditures for heating and cooling issues in the Parish Hall and the church sanctuary. We will meet immediately after the service in the Parish Hall dining room.

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## **Bible studies on Sunday and Thursday**

### ***Adult Sunday School Class***

#### **What Just Happened?**

*"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us...." (Luke 24:32a)*

It is hard to imagine the reaction of those who personally encountered the resurrected Christ. Yet as recorded in the scriptures, we catch a glimpse of their confusion, amazement, and subsequent actions. During the month of April and into May, we'll look closely at those who had the supreme privilege of seeing the Lord Jesus after his resurrection. We will study the words of Jesus to them and their response, all so we might be more faithful.



The class meets at 11:30 am after the Sunday worship service, upper floor of Parish Hall. An elevator is available for easy access.

**Special Notice:** No Sunday School on Easter because of length of service.

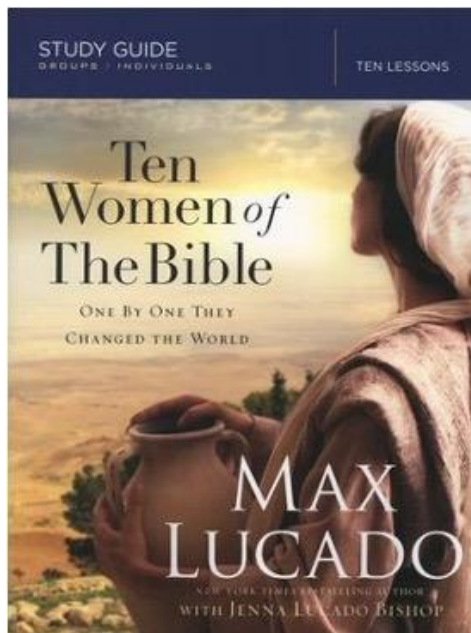
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### *Thursday Morning Bible Study*

**Thursday Morning Bible Study 10:00 am in the Gleitsman Lounge**

**New study starting April 11:** *Ten Women of the Bible* by Max Lucado

Their actions stood out to the writers of Scripture, even though society overlooked their contributions. In *Ten Women of the Bible*, a 10-session workbook, Lucado tells the stories of 10 pivotal biblical women, including Sarah, Rahab, Abigail, Esther, Sapphira, Mary Magdalene, and others. Each session features insights and study questions that explore their lives—and help you apply the lessons to yours.



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## Friendship Circle to meet April 4

Friendship Circle will resume their monthly meetings on Thursday, April 4, at 6:00 in the lounge with a light supper. Janet Kuller will have the Bible study on Jewish Passover. Tracie Schmolt and Sue Ambrosic will host.

All are welcome! We'd love to see you there!

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# Forty Days of Giving initiated by St. Paul's youth wrapping up



Our Forty Days of Giving comes to a close on the Sunday after Easter, April 7, when we will be gathering our gifts at the altar.

The goal was to join together to help provide resources to fight hunger at home and around the world. Our youth Sunday School classes helped organize this endeavor. We even had a few bake sales supplementing the cause.

Thank you to all who contributed! Look for a follow-up in the next issue.



Jackson and Allison Lang wanted to do their best to give to God's Global Barnyard.

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# Church Council highlights

*Report from March 12 Council meeting*

## New members, baptism, First Communion

The Church Council met on Tuesday, March 12. Pastor Mark let Council know there are six Individuals who wish to become members of St. Paul's including Heidi and Norman Hall, Brady Rupp, Morgan Fisher, Brooke Duplain, and Elizabeth Duplain. Council approved the applications of all. The new members will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, March 17. We rejoice and give thanks for these who desire to unite with us in Christian fellowship and service. In addition, on March 17 there will be an infant baptism and on March 24, First Communion for two children.

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## Social Action Committee

Cindy Lash reported on behalf of the Welfare and Social Action Committee. Easter bags will be available on Sunday, March 17, for distribution to our members who are homebound. The American Red Cross held a blood drive in our Parish Hall on March 4 with approximately 60 coming from across the community to donate blood. The next blood drive is scheduled for May 6. It was also reported that Lea Lang was able to secure a donation of 150 pairs of socks for our Community Clothes Closet through the SAM Center, dedicated to serving military families. They had additional pairs to share from the Bombas' "Buy one, give one" program, and they shared them with us.

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## Parish Fellowship

On behalf of Parish Fellowship, Carol Stoner reported that the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper was enjoyed by those who attended. Special thanks to all who helped with the preparation of the meal and clean up after the fellowship event.

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## Worship and Music Committee

It has been a busy and exciting time for the Worship and Music committee as special music is prepared for the seasons of Lent and Easter. The bell choir will offer two anthems on Sunday, March 17. More than 100 were in attendance for the Hector Olivera concert on March 10. The University of Akron will offer a concert on March 17 titled, "Reflections of Reverence." The



committee will also help to prepare the church sanctuary during Holy Week and for Easter Sunday.

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## Capital Campaign

Regarding the Capital Campaign, donations continue to be received. At the end of February, the balance was \$162,627.12. Additional expenses for the lounge will need to be deducted from the amount with a completion date for the Gleitsman Lounge project set for March 31, Easter Sunday. The next capital improvement project will be the front drive and east entrance of the church. The Property Management committee is soliciting project bids from contractors for review by Council.

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## Property Management Committee

John Stanko reported for the Property Management Committee and advised that we should anticipate needed attention for heating and cooling issues in the Parish Hall, particularly related to the lounge and the choir room above. More information will be shared in the coming weeks. This will likely be a significant unexpected expense to be addressed in the near future.

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## Nominating Committee

The nominating committee will be convened in early April so that nominees can be identified for the various elected positions in the church which need filled. Hopefully individuals within our church community will be open to considering these ministry opportunities if asked to be placed on the ballot. Those on the nominating committee include Amy Burkett, Gary Collard, Lynda Klein, Lea Lang, Scott Larson, Dennis Morgan, Jennifer Stanko, and John Stanko.

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## Congregational Meeting

Council set the date for the congregational meeting in May for Sunday, the 19th. Other action by Council included approving participation in Impact Massillon, which is an organized effort to help residents in a specific Massillon neighborhood with outdoor home repair and improvements. Scott Larson and John Stanko will provide leadership for this service project, which will take place on Saturday, June 1. It has been suggested that a request be submitted to the Mission Endowment Fund Committee for necessary financial support associated with the participation of our church in this project.

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Respectfully shared,

Patty Long

President, Church Council

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## Income and expense summary

February		YTD	
Income	\$ 26,087	Income	\$ 203,280
Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 2,083	Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 25,298
Expenses	\$ 26,890	Expenses	\$ 203,449
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 1,280	Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 25,129

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## Grand opening for remodeled Gleitsman Lounge set for Easter Sunday



An Abbott Electric technician prepares to mount the new TV in the lounge.  
The furniture is on the way. Be ready for the big reveal on Easter Sunday!

Message from Sue Ambrosic and the decorating committee:

*The grand opening of our remodeled lounge will be Easter Sunday, March 31, after each service. Please stop in—if only for a few minutes—to see what has been done. There will be some goodies and refreshments to enjoy. It will be open from 8-12 am for all to see.*

The decorating committee consists of Lynda Klein, Janet Kuller, Kathryn Myers, Sue Reid, Becky Johnson, and Sue Ambrosic.

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### Capital Campaign Report

<b>Phase One Projects</b>	<b>\$337,000</b>
<b>Funds raised</b>	<b>255,189</b>
<b>Interest</b>	<b>2,308</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>Remaining funds to be raised</b>	<b>\$ 49,503</b>

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## Palm Sunday



The congregation took part in the Palm Sunday processional, singing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor." Rev. Kreemer reminded us in his sermon, though, that today is also designated as Passion Sunday. We are to remember the slash: Palm/Passion Sunday. Click below to see the service.

[Palm/Passion Sunday Service](#)

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# New members join on March 17



We welcomed to our congregation 6 new members. Pictured above are Morgan Fisher and Brady Rupp. Below are Heidi and Norman Hall and Brooke Duplain. Elizabeth Duplain also joined but was not available for the photo.





# Baptism of Luka Hammond



Luka Michael-Ryan Hammond received the sacrament of baptism on March 17, 2024. His parents Makayla Gehring and Nicholas Hammond watched with joy as their son was baptized.



Little Luka will have a strong network to nurture and love him as he grows up.



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# First Communion



Natalia and Catarina Monastra received their First Communion on Palm Sunday. They were joined at the Communion rail by their family. We celebrate this milestone with these young girls.



Larry and Kim Oberlin, their daughter Deidra Monastra, Catarina (in yellow), and Natalia (above Catarina), their father Trey Monastra, and big sister Elliana Monastra.

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# God's Kitchen Angels: a few notes on a valuable organization



Preparing for the vegetable soup: Sue Ambrosic, Nancy Lint, Kim Gray, Gwen Halco, and Carole Fisher.

First established about 10 years ago and formed from what used to be called the Women of the Church, God's Kitchen Angels is a service organization that enriches the life and extends the outreach of St. Paul's through their cooking.

They do four traditional projects: chili in the early fall, pumpkin rolls in time for Thanksgiving, cut-out cookies for Christmas, and soup for late winter. They took all of February this year preparing the soup. These four projects raise money that the group then allocates to various causes. This past year, the Kitchen Angels were able to donate \$9500 to the renovation projects at our church. In addition, they regularly give to several community organizations, such as the Salvation Army, the [SAM Center](#), and [Make-A-Way](#).

During their soup preparation project, they met every Tuesday and Wednesday for four weeks, starting at 9 am and finishing around noon for a lunch, which included, not surprisingly, soup! In total, they prepared 351 quarts of soup: Stuffed Pepper, Beef Vegetable, Ham and Bean, and Chicken Rivel. In addition, they made Chicken Noodle soup for those church members who are home-bound. When Sue Ambrosic texted her cooks with the final total they had achieved, responses immediately flooded back, all positive. Judy Hall said, "It is truly amazing that we made that much soup and had fun doing it!!!! ♡ ♡"

The 21 members thoroughly enjoy this work. Becky Johnson says, "When you get that many women in the kitchen, everyone gets along and has fun." The emphasis is on the *fun*, she

reiterates! Debbie Schmolt sums up the main appeal of the Kitchen Angels for her: “friendship.” They would be glad to have new members; anyone is welcome to join this group.

Beyond the four fundraisers, though, the Kitchen Angels serve in several other capacities. Their leader and organizer, Sue Ambrosic, learns of a need—such as a meal or a reception—and then puts out a text to her group. Within minutes the volunteers sign up to donate time and food. For example, all the soups, salads, and desserts for the Lenten Community Meal were provided by the Kitchen Angels. For funeral meals, Debbie Schmolt and Linda Klein determine how much is needed and then let Sue know so she can pass it on to her ladies. Sue gets a little teary-eyed when she considers the generosity of her group. “My women are wonderful,” she proudly states.

Sue also knows how to get down to business in the church kitchen, though. She will list out jobs that need done, and the group fills in as needed, from dicing vegetables to washing pans. One rule that must be followed is “No talking during measuring!” They need full concentration to get the ingredients right.

These willing hands and hearts are greatly appreciated by the congregation of St. Paul’s and the Massillon community.



Anneliese Daniels conveys the spirit of joy that the Kitchen Angels experience while working on their projects.



March 10 was the pick-up day for the many quarts of soup: 351 in all!



# Snip-N-Stitch busy making quilts



Brenda Gray, Marilyn Norton, Kathy Corbin, Pat Meyers, Gladys Zepp, Carol Marlow, Nancy Zepp Jackson. Absent: Jan Geuy.

## *Nancy Jackson explains a bit about Snip-N-Stitch*

We have 9 people who volunteer their time. We meet every Wednesday, September through May from 9:00 to 11:30. We do, in fact, need more volunteers. Consider joining us!

The actual sewing part is only one of many parts of what we do. Most people say, "I don't know how to sew," but here are some other tasks that happen every week. Some of them can be done at home.

- Using markers to trace patterns of squares.
- Using scissors to cut the squares.
- Measuring and cutting sheets and large pieces of material to make the quilt bottoms.
- Ironing.
- Laying out the bottom, covering with batting, laying on the top, and then pinning it together.
- Using a needle and pulling yarn through to make ties throughout the quilt.

The sewing parts include the following steps:

- The squares get sewn together to make the tops.
- If the bottoms are pieced together, they get sewn.
- The last part of the quilt is when the border gets sewn around the outside edge.

We could use anybody who would like to help! Join us on Wednesday at 9:00 am.

## WHERE DID LWR QUILTS & KITS GO IN 2023?



**551,700**

**QUILTS & KITS**

**IN 14 COUNTRIES**



**194,983**  
QUILTS



**190,043**  
SCHOOL KITS



**123,920**  
PERSONAL CARE KITS



**35,490**  
BABY CARE KITS



**7,264**  
FABRIC KITS

COUNTRY	SHIPPING WAREHOUSE	QUILTS	SCHOOL KITS	PERSONAL CARE KITS	BABY CARE KITS	FABRIC KITS
ANGOLA	Minnesota	24,140	7,250	18,600	4,830	3,600
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	Maryland	12,375	13,650	11,670		
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Minnesota		15,225	32,550	14,700	
ECUADOR	Maryland		13,650			
GEORGIA	Minnesota	38,080				
GUATEMALA	Minnesota	9,520	27,840			
HONDURAS	Maryland		12,480			
LIBERIA	Maryland		27,300			
	Minnesota		13,282			
MALI	Minnesota	45,798	14,500	9,300	4,200	1,800
SRI LANKA	Minnesota		14,326			
TANZANIA	Maryland	26,400	1,300	6,000	1,800	1,684
	Minnesota	2,040	9,860	6,200	4,200	180
THE GAMBIA	Minnesota		13,920			
TÜRKİYE	Maryland	11,880		14,400	5,760	
UKRAINE	Maryland	24,750	5,460	25,200		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>194,983</b>	<b>190,043</b>	<b>123,920</b>	<b>35,490</b>	<b>7,264</b>

*This shipping information is from LWR's 2023 fiscal year (Oct 2022 - Sept 2023).*

**Lutheran World Relief**



# Visitors to the March Community Meal and Community Clothes Closet celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Easter

*Jack and Marsha Fortune report on the past month's Community Meal:*

We had a combined St. Patrick's Day/Easter theme for our monthly community meal on Friday, March 8. Tables were decorated with a number of St. Patrick's Day items. Green hats and green beaded necklaces were passed out to many of our diners. Also passed out were colored eggs. A total of 100 colored Easter eggs were donated for the occasion . . . and they were a hit!

Total number of meals served was eighty-eight (88). All enjoyed a traditional Easter dinner of ham, homemade mac and cheese, applesauce, dinner roll, choice of beverage, and cupcakes or cookies for dessert. Each dessert also included a little chocolate bunny. The cookies were donated by a friend of the congregation who supports our ministry.

There were 2 young girls (ages 4 and 5) in attendance on this night. Each was given a special gift from the congregation.

The winner of the "predict the winning score of the Super Bowl" contest was announced. The winner was a tie between two individuals. Each was awarded a gift card.

We are grateful to have such creative and talented volunteers who dedicate so much time and effort to make our evenings with our friends and neighbors such a fun time for all!

If you haven't visited our Community Closet lately, I encourage you to do so. Our workers have done an amazing job in giving the entire area a "department store" look. Your donations have had such a positive impact in our ability to serve the needs of those who are most in need.

I would encourage you to visit our "care bag" tables. Come and see what we are doing to help the needy in our community. Come and see how you can help.

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, April 12, from 4:30 to 6:00.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support.  
Jack and Marsha Fortune

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# Help is always appreciated for the Clothes Closet

Thank you to all for your generous donations!

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped sort clothing the past couple months. Many hands make light work, and we appreciate all of your support with one of our most popular ministries!

**Spring/ Summer** donations requested **2nd week of April** to September 1.

**Fall/ Winter** donations requested 2nd week of September to April 1.

**ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED:** personal care items, purses, undergarments (men's underwear and undershirts, women's underwear, bras, pajamas), seasonally-appropriate outerwear, such as jackets and shoes.

**HELP SORT CLOTHES** on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (April 17)

**HELP DURING SHOPPING** every 2nd Friday of the Month 4:15 - 6:00pm (April 12)

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## Donation by Troop 916 to Chapel

Boy Scout Troop 16 (later designated as 916) had a home at St. Paul's for more than 70 years. Many of our members were Boy Scouts in this troop, their fathers were Scout Leaders, and their mothers were Den Mothers. In fact, Dick Cordes' father was the first Scoutmaster from 1932 to 1934.

In honor of these former scouts and leaders, Bryan Corban and Paul Mutchler have donated \$500 left over in the troop's funds toward a repair of the Chapel at Camp Buckeye (near Beach City, Ohio).

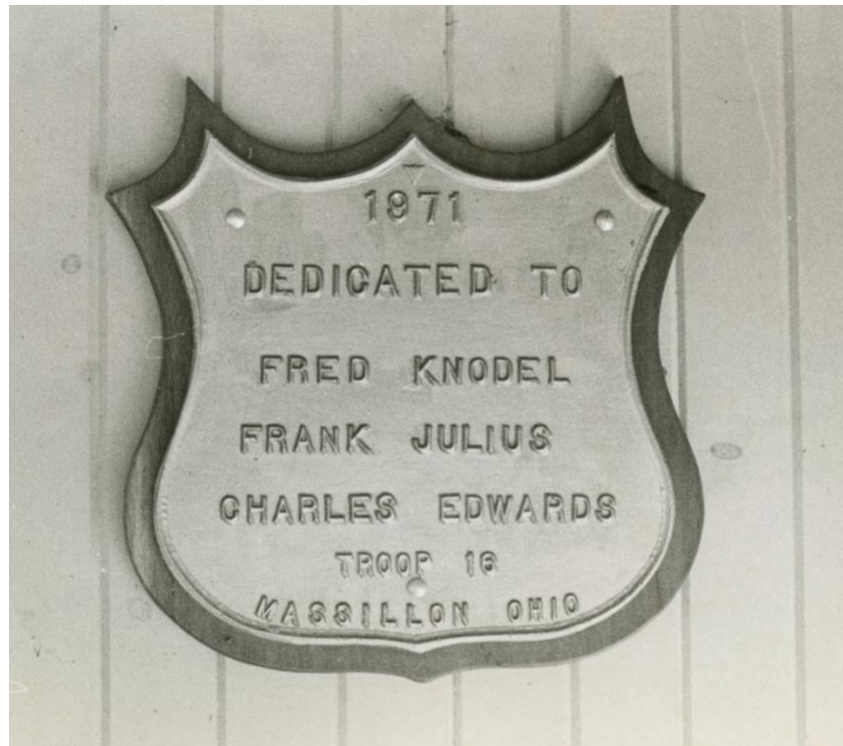


The Chapel was dedicated in the summer of 1971.

In the photo above Pastor Dave Gable, assistant from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Massillon, is shown presenting the Chapel to the Camp. The plaque, on the right side of the rear wall (see photo below), shows that the structure was dedicated to three adults: long-time Leaders/Scouters Fred Knodel, Frank Julius, and Charles Edwards.

Adults seated on the left side are Charles Edwards and Fred Knodel. On the right are Scouts Alan Ext, Bill Jenkins, and Dave Leffler.

St. Paul's Scouts and members actually did most of the work of building and funding this project. So this project and our gift has actually been an ongoing ministry since 1971.



The Scout Camp, which operated for years and served thousands of youth, was sold in 1984 by the Buckeye Council and now operates as a Christian camp by Grass Roots Ministries, serving all kinds of groups.

The Chapel is still standing as of December 2023 but is showing some deterioration. A plan is hopefully in the works to spruce up the structure for future generations.

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*Bryan Corban and Paul Mutchler* attended the camp board meeting on February 12, 2024, and presented the photos shown above, a monetary gift, and some building supplies. The following words accompanied the gifts:

*Please accept this small monetary gift of \$500 and some building supplies to help with the ongoing maintenance of this great Christian Camp.*

*In Scouting's service: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Troup 916 Scouters and other youth/adults that enjoyed this great camp over the years and FOR YEARS TO COME. . . .*

*Many thanks!*



A photo of the beautiful Chapel nestled in the woods at Camp Buckeye. To read the heartfelt letter of gratitude from the Executive Director at Camp Buckeye, click the link below.

[Camp Buckeye response](#)

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## Chancel Bells grace our service



Rehearsal time for the bell choir.



We have been fortunate to hear the revival of our beautiful bells. Thanks to all the ringers for their hard work. They recently played two lovely numbers at the March 17 service: "Goin' Home" and "Wondrous Love."

**The invitation to join is still open: Come make a joyful noise and join us April 17 and 24 and May 1 in preparation to ring in worship on May 5!**

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## Chancel Choir always welcomes new members



A message from our Director of Music, Dr. Abigail Haake:

*Psalm 100 tells us to make a joyful noise, and research shows that singing in a choir benefits our physical and mental health. St. Augustine famously said that "when we sing, we pray twice." A favorite church children's choir song from my childhood posits, "All God's critters got a place in the choir. Some sing low, some sing higher!"*

*I invite you to join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm as we prepare music to offer in worship. We work, we laugh, we enjoy community, and there is always room for you!*

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# Hector Olivera captivated the audience at concert on March 10



*Hector Olivera, Organist*

World-class organist Hector Olivera finished his concert program with an astonishing tour-de-force: an improvisation on the hymn "A Mighty Fortress is our God." Dr. Abigail Haake, our music director, was asked to present him with a hymn to reinterpret. It was a magnificent end to a wonderful concert.

[See full list of pieces performed](#)



Mr. Olivera chats with a fan during the reception after the concert.

[Hector Olivera webpage](#)

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# UA choir performed at St. Paul's



The UA Concert Choir and orchestral ensemble receive a standing ovation at the end of the concert. (More photos are posted on our church FB page.)

Though not an official part of our Cathedral Concert series, we welcomed the University of Akron Choirs into our sanctuary to showcase their talents. The pews were full and the audience quite appreciative of the reverential music the choirs performed. The Chamber Choir sang selections from Handel's *Messiah*, and the Concert Choir presented pieces from the 17th century through the 21st. We were left the powerful last lines of Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Antiphon" from *Five Mystical Songs*: "Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing: My God and King."



Dr. Marie Bucoy-Calavan, conductor of the University of Akron Choirs and Concertmaster Amy Glick, share a chat and a smile after the program.

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# Spotlight on church member Karen Lunkwitz



*The volunteers in St. Paul's ministry GOSPEL ON WHEELS visit members of our church who are no longer able to participate in church life but are not forgotten and still treasured. This month's feature is on Karen Lunkwitz.*

Karen had a long history of volunteering at St. Paul's office; she helped with the sacristy, worked with assembling *The Bridge*, and volunteered at Amherst Meadows.

Here are few additional tidbits to get to know her better.

- She was born December 5.
  - She has been a member of St. Paul's her whole life.
  - Her favorite color is purple.
  - Her favorite food is lasagna.
  - Her favorite pastime is doing cross word puzzles and playing games at Quarry Ridge, where she lives.
  - She graduated from Washington High School and worked at Perry Rubber.
  - Glen and Irene Yost were her aunt and uncle.
  - Favorite memory is when her Uncle Glen and Aunt Irene would pick her and her mom up every Monday to go to Amish Country, never knowing where they would end up.
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# Thank you letters

## Salvation Army

*St. Paul's gives out of their Local Benevolence Fund to the Salvation Army each month. Below are some excerpts from a recent thank you letter to our church. For the full letter, click on the button at the end of the article:*

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous contribution of \$100 to The Salvation Army. Your kindness is greatly appreciated and will have a significant impact on our efforts to assist families in need.

Your donation enables us to provide essential support in various ways:

Food Assistance: We can ensure that families have access to nutritious meals, especially during the holiday season.

Utility Assistance: Your contribution helps struggling families keep their homes warm and well-lit.

Spiritual and Emotional Support: We continue to provide emotional and spiritual guidance to those seeking help. Your generosity truly makes a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Brennen and Allison Hinzman, Captains Corps Commanding Officers/Pastors

[Salvation Army thank you letter](#)

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## God's Kitchen Angels

God's Kitchen Angels want to thank all of you for your support with our soup making. We made a total of 351 quarts of soup with a profit of over \$2500. In May's *Bridge* I will give you a breakdown of what we made on chili, cookies, pumpkin rolls, and soup, as well as the disbursements that we'll be making.

Again, thanks to all of you for your support and to all of my ladies for all their help and dedication. A job well done!

Love, Peace, Joy

—Sue

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*Fun fact: How many times does the word "thank" show up in this newsletter? 19 times!*

"In our prayers for you, we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. . . ."  
(Colossians 1:3)

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## Prayer list

*Amy White, Richard Kreemer, Errett Butler, Barb and Tom Hamilton, Paula Kritzer, Dave Paul, Eleanore Grunde, Pat Adams, Chris Collard, Chrissy Sturtz, Carol Rohr, Mary Gainer, Jackie Whitman, and Phyllis Keefer.*

*Please note: 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.*

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## April birthdays

**New feature: We will be asking for favorite Bible or hymn verses during your birthday month!**

**Cindy Scott** and **Veronica Kreemer** both picked this one:

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Roman's 8:38-39).

**Abbie Deuble:** "God is within her, she will not fall" (Psalms 46:5a, NIV).

April 1--Hailey Carano  
April 2--Grace Deerwester  
April 3--Veronica Kreemer  
April 7--Anneliese Daniels  
April 10--Robert William Stuck  
April 13--Cindy Scott  
April 14--Susan Carter  
April 14--Denelle Pritchett

April 15--Aaliyah Litman  
April 15--Jensen Dunlap  
April 17--Benson Moden  
April 17--Beth Hirschman  
April 19--Larry Stoner  
April 20--Daniel Lint  
April 20--Abbie Deuble  
April 21--Karen Okey

April 22--Marilyn Norton  
April 23--Robin Cordes  
April 24--Becky Johnson  
April 24--Nancy Lint  
April 25--James Hannum  
April 27--Deidra Monastra  
April 30--Jim Stevens  
April 30--Junna Kobayashi

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## April anniversaries

# *Congratulations*

April 5--Daniel & Lynette Farrar

April 9--Robert & Darlene Lewis

April 17--Chris and Judy Hall

April 26--Richard & Robin Cordes

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Chris and Judy Hall, April 17, 1971.

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Richard and Robin Cordes, April 26, 2008.

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## Flowers for April

Please text Sue Ambrosic at 330-844-7648 if you would like to have the Altar or Throne flowers for 2024.

Flowers for the Altar for April are covered, but Throne flowers are still available for all the weeks of April. Thank you!

The cost of Altar flowers is \$40 per Sunday; the Throne flowers are \$28. Please contact Patty Carmola if you have any questions at 330-832-9405. You will be billed directly by *Carmola's Flowers* in Massillon.

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Contact [Karl Kalk](#)

April 7—Sue Reid  
April 14—Patty Long  
April 21—Andrew Lang  
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Reminder, 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars expire on **March 31st**. St Paul's is one of your choices. To direct your dollars, go to Thrivent.com or refer to the February Bridge.

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