

The Communicator

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May Sermons

During May we continue our "Journey Through Hebrews." We studying chapter 11 and 12.



We will also have something special for Mother's Day and Memorial week-end sermons. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings!

Baptisms

Congratulations!

Grace Leggett, daughter of Tyler and Christina Leggett, was baptized on Sunday, March 23rd.

Lucy Owens, daughter of Michael and Haley Owens, was baptized on Sunday, April 13th.



We rejoice with both families who have committed to raising their girls in the faith.

Thank you from Children's Ministry

St. Paul's Children Ministry, and all the kids, would like to thank everyone who made this year's Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast a success. We appreciate all the help that went on behind the scenes.



Mom Group, Happy Hearts, Rebecca Circle

HAPPY HEARTS Please join us **Thursday, May 8th** at noon for our monthly senior lunch. Sloppy joes will be served for lunch and the Maumee Select Choir will be performing.



REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on May 8th at 10 am in the large conference room studying a *New Disciple Simon Peter*, chapter 12 "Witnessing."

MOM GROUP Please join us on **Saturday May 10th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am** for our monthly mom group. We will continue with the Wild Hope Series and continue with our kids content for 3-5. Childcare and light refreshments provided. All moms are welcome! Bring Friends! Launch meeting and content summary on page 9.

Are you looking for a Mom's group?
Are you a mom with kids in the 0-5 age range?



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Park in the main lot in the back and come in the parking lot entrance and up the stairs



THE MAUMEE SELECT CHOIR

From Pastor David

The Scriptures emphasize the importance of community and togetherness. God said “it is not good for man to dwell alone.” While He was speaking of marriage, it does apply to the other relationships in our lives. I recently saw this outline and thought it well states the Biblical and common sense case for pursuing relationships with others.

1. We Are Made for Community

- **Genesis 2:18** – *“It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”*
- From the beginning, God designed people to be in relationships, not isolation.

2. Encouraging and Supporting One Another

- **Hebrews 10:24-25** – *“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”*
- The Bible stresses the importance of gathering together and supporting each other in faith.
- **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10** – *“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.”*
- Life is easier when people work together and support each other.

3. Unity in Christ

- **1 Corinthians 12:12-14** – *“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”*

The Church is described as one body with many members, emphasizing the need for unity among believers.

- **Colossians 3:13-14** – *“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”*
- Love is the key to true unity and togetherness.

4. Serving One Another

- **Galatians 6:2** – *“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”*
- We are called to help and support each other in difficult times.
- **Acts 2:42-47** – *Describes the early church as a community that shared everything, ate together, and supported each other in faith.*

5. Hospitality and Kindness

- **Romans 12:10** – *“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.”*
- **Hebrews 13:2** – *“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”*



Cont. from Pastor David

Conclusion

The Bible teaches that true community is built on love, humility, service, and unity. Whether in church, family, or friendships, believers are called to live in harmony, encourage one another, and work together for the glory of God. Building stronger community relationships takes intentionality, kindness, and consistency. Here are some practical ways, based on biblical principles, to strengthen your sense of community and togetherness:

1. Be Present and Engage Regularly

- **Hebrews 10:25** – *“Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.”*
- Make it a priority to attend church, community gatherings, or small groups.
- Regular interaction builds trust and deepens relationships.

2. Show Genuine Care and Love

- **Romans 12:10** – *“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.”*
- Take time to listen to others, ask about their lives, and follow up on concerns.
- Small acts of kindness, such as sending a message, visiting, or lending a helping hand, strengthen bonds.

3. Serve Others and Carry Burdens

- **Galatians 6:2** – *“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”*
- Offer practical help when people are struggling—whether it’s emotional, financial, or physical support.
- Volunteer in church or local community efforts.

4. Forgive and Pursue Peace

- **Colossians 3:13** – *“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.”*
- Conflict is inevitable, but resolving it with grace and forgiveness strengthens relationships.
- Avoid gossip and negativity—focus on unity and peace.

5. Be Hospitable

- **Hebrews 13:2** – *“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers.”*
- Invite people over for meals, coffee, or just good conversation.
- Being welcoming and creating a warm atmosphere makes others feel valued.

6. Pray for and With Others

- **James 5:16** – *“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.”*
- Ask people how you can pray for them and follow up.
- Pray together—there’s power in community prayer.

7. Encourage and Uplift Others

- **1 Thessalonians 5:11** – *“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up.”*
- Speak words of encouragement, affirm others, and celebrate their successes.
- Be a source of hope and positivity.

8. Be Intentional About Building Relationships

- Make a habit of reaching out to new people and forming deeper friendships.
- Find ways to connect—join a ministry, participate in group activities, or engage in shared interests.

Final Thought

True community takes effort, but it’s worth it. When we invest in relationships with love, patience, and service, we reflect God’s design for unity.

Aaron's Message

Youth Update

Hello Everyone! Wanted to give you an update on what the youth is doing/has done. First, we painted the Youth Room. The students really wanted a 'dusty blue' color. We also went to the zoo! We're having fun together! If you've got a student between 6-12th grade, feel free to send them to the youth group! We meet Sundays from 7-8:30.



Family Fun Night at St. Paul's



Please join us on **Friday, June 6th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm** as we kick off the summer with a family night bonfire and yard games.

Dinner with campfire theme hot dogs, chips, and smores for dessert.

Please consider bringing some yard games if you have any at home to add to our fun! Bring chairs or a blanket and friends! See you there!

If you feel called to take a turn hosting or assisting with hosting family night in June, July, or August please let Andrea or Hubi know.



Upcoming Youth Group Events

Please contact the Youth Director, Aaron Williams for more information.



Youth Visitation

Shut-in visit
May 10th



Laser Tag
May 31st



Family Fun Night
Friday, June 6th



Youth Cook-out and Movies
June 14th



Who said to the prophet Nathan,
"I have sinned against the Lord?"

- A. Reuben, for selling Joseph into slavery
- B. Jacob, for deceiving Isaac and stealing his brother's birthright
- C. Rahab, a prostitute
- D. David, considered Israel's greatest king



Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 12:13)

Opportunities to Serve



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you handy and feel a calling to help out fellow church members that might need a helping hand with things like light bulb changes, minor repairs, minor car maintenance, or shoveling snow?

If either of these descriptions apply to you please email or call the office as we would like to have an internal helper ministry for those church members that occasionally need a helping hand.

- ★ **Helper Ministry**—Do you need help with minor things around the house, for example lightbulb changes, minor repairs, or shoveling snow? Please reach out to us if you need help with anything and we will put you in touch with someone from the church to help out.
- ★ **Small Group Facilitators**—Are you looking for ways to get more involved with the Church? Do you have a calling or an idea for a small group? We are open to ideas. If you see a need for a group let us know!
- ★ **Recurring Happy Hearts Volunteers Needed** Are you interested in coming early to help set up for Happy Hearts? Or staying after to help clean up? Please let Hubi know so she can add you to her call list in the event one of our regular volunteers is out. Do you feel called to help out with Happy Hearts on a regular basis? Please let Hubi know.

Fellowship Ministry Leader Needed

The Fellowship Ministry is looking for a new leader.

We are so grateful for Kara Valare's many years of high quality dedicated service to Jesus and the congregation at St. Paul's.

Fellowship Ministry Activities May Include:

Baking, Help keeping pantry supplied, Prepare Mosaic meals once a month with the Outreach MAT, Facilitating the Happy Hearts Senior Luncheon once a month, Behind the scenes (cook, set up, clean, organize, serve food for the Congregation gatherings, funeral luncheons)

If you are interested in leading or facilitating this vital ministry, please contact Susan Harden at smharden@stpaulslive.org

OUR MISSION:

Providing local outreach opportunities for individuals by caring for the needs of others.

Outreach M.A.T. Co-Directors: Sue Schad (419-893-2330), Beth Heisey, Carol Doerfler & Linda Scott with the St. Paul's church family.

News from the Outreach M.A.T.

"Showing God's Love Through You"

Check out the slides, weekly bulletin, weekly email, our church's Facebook page, and the monthly *Communicator* for news on ministries that are happening at St. Paul's and how you can help!

You CAN make a difference!

Outreach MAT Ministry Assistance Extension Number

The voicemail extension for all Outreach Board ministry assistance is extension 220. Call the church number (419-893-0205) then dial 220. The Outreach MAT schedules food pantry appointments as well as providing monetary assistance with rent, utilities, and other needs.

Looking ahead:

- **Backpack Collection** May-July
- **Meijers "Simply Give"** until June 28th
- **Women's Retreat** June 6th -Sunday June 8th

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Backpack Collection (May-July)

As we near the end of the school year, the children are looking forward to summer vacation. The backpacks they used during the school year are still usable. We will be donating the backpacks along with the school supplies we collect in July to give out to Maumee Schools of struggling families with school aged children. If you would like to help with this ministry, look for the backpack box in the gathering space in mid-May to place the donated backpacks.



Meijers "Simply Give" program

This program, sponsored by Meijers on Conant Street, that helps stock our "God's Storehouse" food pantry and other food related ministries, is **March 30th until June 28th**. You can help. It's as easy as 1,2,3.

Pick up a red/blue "Simply Give" card from the display in the Gathering Space or one from a kiosk near the Meijers check out lines.

Take the card with you when you shop at Meijers and present it to the cashier. He/she will add your \$10 donation to your shopping total. That's it! Your \$10 donation will be tallied. You can donate each time you shop at Meijers, if you wish.

There is a Double Match day on **Saturday, June 14th**. If you donate on that day, your donation will be doubled and become \$30 instead of \$10. At the end of the program, St. Paul's will be given your monetary donations as well as Meijers donating to the total in the form of gift cards which we can use to restock the God's Storehouse.

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The Outreach MAT would like to thank you, in advance, for helping others by your generosity!



Women's Retreat Friday, June 6th-Sunday, June 8th, Lial Retreat Center in Whitehouse)

This year's women's Retreat will focus on the gifts we are blessed with by God and how we can use



them to help others. We will be doing a Bible study on Friday night, but most of the week end (Saturday) will be spent making things to donate to several ministries in our community and surrounding areas and end on Sunday with a worship service with communion.

More information about the Women's Retreat will be in the Gathering Space at the end of April with the price of the retreat and other news you need to know. A sign up sheet will also be with the information. Be sure to check it out! It's a wonderful time to get away with your Christian women friends in a relaxed atmosphere while doing for others.

Continues from Column 1**Lenten Secret Prayer Partners**

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the Lenten Secret Prayer Partners! We hope that you felt uplifted by your special church family member who prayed for you. We thought it was especially meaningful during this stressful time of uncertainty to know that you had someone interceding for you and asking God to cover you with His Love and Care. Please continue to pray for all our church family members and friends and family. God has every situation we face in his hands but he loves to hear from His children who are praying for each other.

Easter Holiday Baskets The food is sorted, delivered, and eaten, and Easter has been joyfully celebrated. Our sincerest thanks to the many volunteers who make this ministry a success we couldn't do this ministry without the assistance of you, St. Paul's congregation, who provide the financial support for these 60 holiday baskets of food and personal care items. We would also like to thank, Ricky, Harmony, and Lyn for their continuing support for the delicious food items they gathered for us, and Dollar Tree, Parkway Plaza, who assisted with the paper/personal care products. Most importantly, thanks to the volunteers who said, "yes, I'd be glad to help." Some of these included George Brenner, Beth Lomann, Eric Smith, Jim Brown, Becky Pickering, Ron Weaver, Gayle Lohrbach, Pam Walker, Kara and Elora Valare, Sue Schad, Russ and Lisa Leggett and Isla, Dennis Schell, Chris Davidson, Dave Grieger, Len Windom, Linda, Sophia, and Charlotte Scott. THANKS for showing the love of Jesus to our Holiday Basket families.

Continues from Column 3**Easter Lilies**

Every year the Outreach MAT delivers Easter lilies to the local families of members who have gone Home since last Easter whose funerals were done at St. Paul's. Our sincerest thanks to Gayle Lohrbach and Judy and Darrell Converse for delivering the lilies to the grieving families.



Undie Sundays The Outreach MAT would like to thank St. Paul's church family for generously donating men's and women's undies for individuals who are in need of underclothing. We collected 28 packs of men's and 32 packs of women's undies which have been given to a local church ministry who serve struggling people! THANK YOU!!



Baby University Baby University ministers to families in Toledo's Old South End. They are collecting children's books especially board books. As a congregation, we can help them achieve their mission by providing them with books. There will be a collection container in the Gathering Space for books. Thank you for helping this important, but vulnerable part of our population.

Halos of Hope Many thanks to the ladies who are knitting and crocheting chemo caps for this ministry. We have made over 3,600 caps since this ministry started! We are making a difference!

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The ministry uses volunteers to knit caps for individuals under going cancer treatment. If you knit or crochet and would like to use your gift to help others, please contact Sue Schad for more information about this exciting opportunity to make a difference.

Ronald McDonald House pull tab ministry:

The Outreach MAT is asking you to save pull tabs from aluminum cans including soup and vegetable cans and pet food cans to support the mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities. RMHC recycles the tabs to supplement the food budget that provides meals to families during their stay, at no cost to them. There is a container in the Gathering Space as well as in the Fellowship Hall.

**God's Storehouse (St. Paul's Food Pantry)**

God's Storehouse, our food pantry, is St. Paul Lutheran's "hand up" for families in the area who are struggling to make ends meet in these difficult times.

God's Storehouse May Shopping List:

dill pickles, canned chicken, grape and strawberry jelly, mandarin oranges, mayonnaise, any kind of Jiffy mix, crackers, waxed beans, beets, green beans, peas, spinach, relish, crushed or chunk pineapple, boxed mashed potatoes, Pop Tarts, Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper, chocolate or vanilla frosting

If you are shopping and think of it, buy two and donate one to God's Storehouse. We thank you, in advance, for your generosity! Please place your donations in the wooden bins back by the coat racks in the Gathering Space.



M.A.T. Spotlight



FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

We're creating unity in the Body of Christ.

We are currently looking for new Fellowship Ministry leaders

St. Paul's Fellowship Ministry plans fellowship & social events for all ages within our church and our community to help create a sense of unity in the Body of Christ.

Could This Be You?

Are you someone who loves to serve others in all different capacities?

Are you someone who would be willing to plan events that could bring people together for fun/fellowship?

Activities Involved With Fellowship:

Baking, Help keeping pantry supplied, Prepare Mosaic meals once a month with the Outreach MAT, Happy Hearts Senior Luncheon once a month, Behind the scenes (cook, set up, clean, organize, serve food for the Congregation gatherings, funeral luncheons)

Do you enjoy creating new opportunities for Church social events?

Did you say YES to any of the above? Do you feel nudged by the Lord? If so, please complete & drop it off in the offering plate by the Sanctuary doors.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Recap: Mom Meeting

In the first lesson of the Wild Hope series from MomCo introduces the tenants of learning to receive help, building endurance, and adding passion to your life. The lesson begins by asking if you ever feel like your pilot light has gone out. The themes come together beautifully in this series not just as we build fellowship as moms, but as we navigate finding ourselves again through a difficult season of life. Being a mom is hard enough without additional outside stressors in life. Join us as we take time to build relationships with each other, learn from each other, and encourage each other as we grow in our faith and trust in God.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Flower Donations Wanted for Mom Group Activity

The next lesson in our Momco content, Wild Hope, is about being open to receiving the activity calls for enough flowers to make small bouquets. If you have flowers in your garden or are willing to donate a bouquet for this activity, please let Hubi know before our next meeting on Saturday, May 10th. Flowers must be dropped off by 9:00 am on Saturday, May 10th.



Important May Dates



National Day of Prayer
May 1st

NATIONAL DAY
OF PRAYER



Mothers Day
May 11th



Armed Forces Day
May 17th



Memorial Day
May 26th



Ascension day
May 29th

Office Hours

- ◇ Mon—Wed: 8:00 am—2:00 pm
- ◇ Thurs—Fri: 8:00 am—12:00pm

As always we can be reached by email at Hubi (hhsmith@stpaulslive.org) & Sue (smharden@stpaulslive.org). If you have information for the "Messenger" or the "Communicator" please send it to officeinfo@stpaulslive.org.

If there is an emergency outside of our office hours, please call Pastor David at 419-270-2582.

David is trying to meet with each St. Paul's member. Please let him know if you can schedule a breakfast or lunch together.

Men's Bible Study and Prayer Group has planned meetings

The Paul's Lutheran Church Men's Bible Study and Prayer Group, led by Aaron Williams, meets every first and third Saturday morning from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering space.


Exploring God's word together allows our men's group to learn and grow with one another, to be challenged and encourage one another to live for something larger than ourselves.



Our upcoming scheduled meetings are:

May 3rd, May 17th, May 31st, and June 14th

Please bring your Bible. We will look forward to having you join us.




Teatime treat

Make these sweet sandwiches for a Mother's Day tea party.

What you need:

- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 Tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 6-10 strawberries, washed and sliced
- 6 slices of white bread
- Cellophane
- Adult help

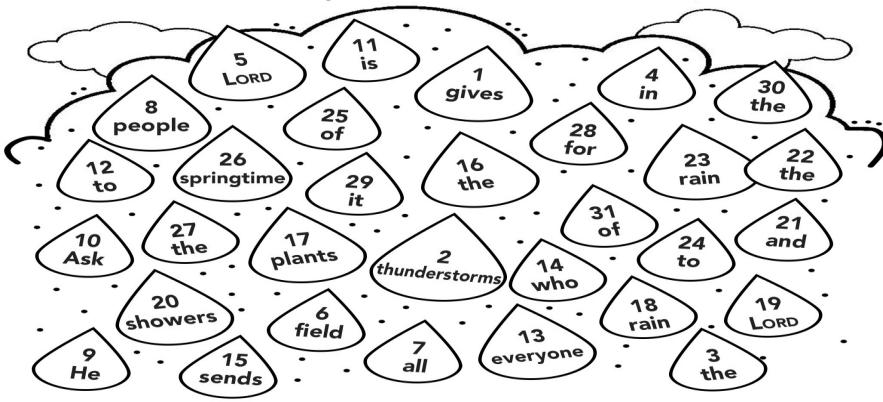


What you do:

1. With an electric mixer, whip the cream cheese in a bowl until fluffy.
2. Add cream, powdered sugar, and lemon juice. Continue whipping on high speed until mixture is stiff.
3. On each slice of bread, spread a layer of the mixture. Then arrange some sliced strawberries on top.
4. Place the sandwiches together, with filling on the inside.
5. Wrap tightly in cellophane. Chill for two hours so the filling sets.
6. Trim off crusts with a serrated knife. Cut sandwiches in squares or triangles. Serve and enjoy!

Puzzle!

Complete a Bible verse about spring by writing the word from each raindrop on the correct numbered line below.



Words in raindrops: 5 LORD, 11 is, 1 gives, 4 in, 30 the, 8 people, 25 of, 28 for, 23 rain, 22 the, 12 to, 26 springtime, 29 it, 16 the, 31 of, 24 to, 21 and, 10 Ask, 27 the, 17 plants, 2 thunderstorms, 14 who, 18 rain, 19 LORD, 9 He, 20 showers, 6 field, 7 all, 13 everyone, 3 the, 15 sends.

Numbered lines for the verse:

____ 10 ____ 16 ____ 5 ____ 28 ____ 18 ____
 ____ 4 ____ 22 ____ 26 ____ ; ____
 ____ 29 ____ 11 ____ 3 ____ 19 ____ 14 ____ 15 ____
 ____ 27 ____ 2 ____ ____
 ____ 9 ____ 1 ____ 20 ____ 31 ____ 23 ____
 ____ 12 ____ 7 ____ 8 ____ 21 ____ 17 ____ 25 ____
 ____ 30 ____ 6 ____ 24 ____ 13 ____

Zechariah 10:1, NIV

Answer: Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. Zechariah 10:1, NIV

all about MY MOM

a flower for mom

I love my mom because...

My favorite thing to do with my mom is...

I love it when she...

Her favorite drink is...

My mom's favorite food is:

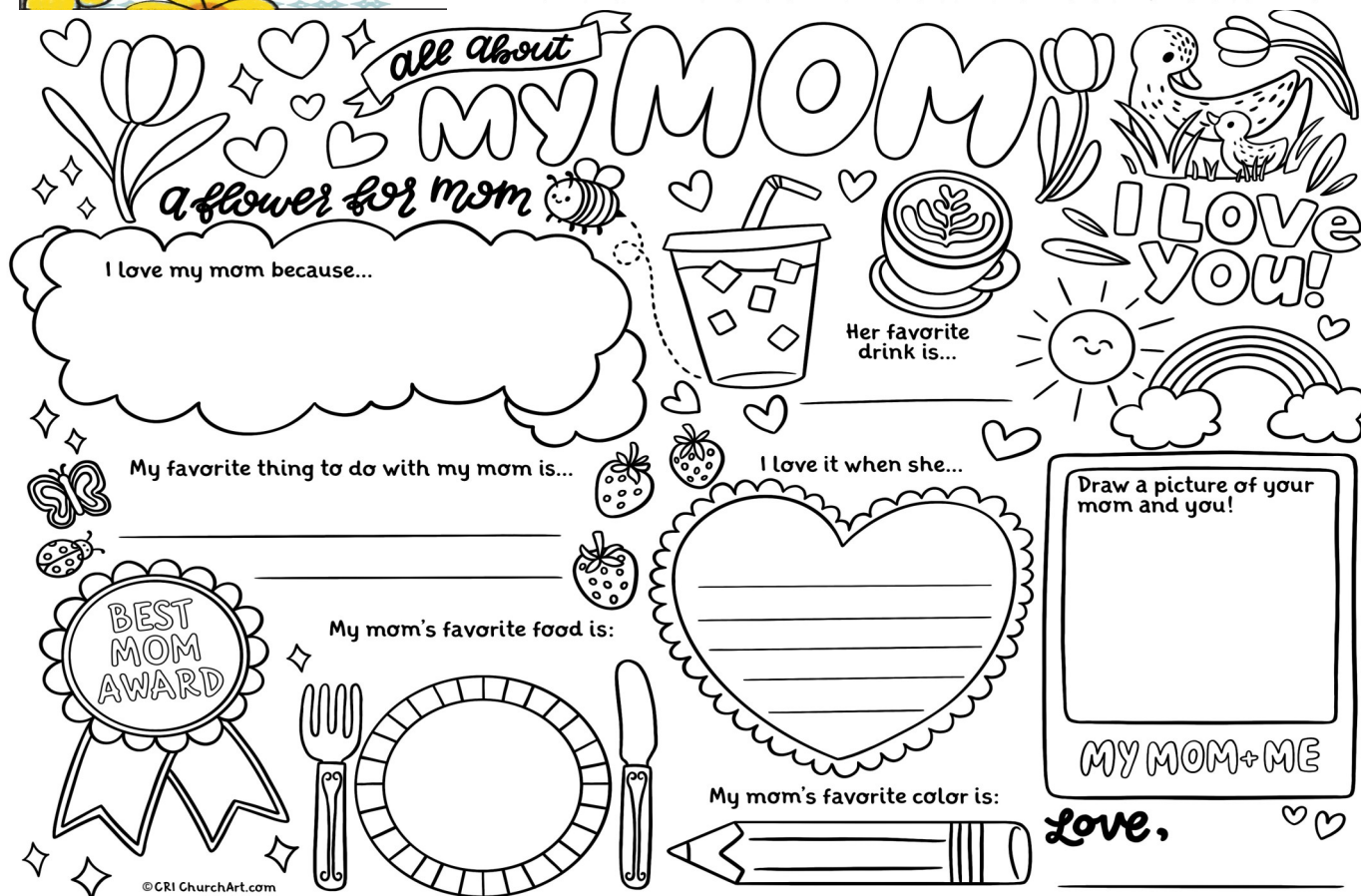
My mom's favorite color is:

Draw a picture of your mom and you!

BEST MOM AWARD

MY MOM + ME

Love, _____



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Sunday Schedule:

8:30 am Traditional Service (drive-in &
in-Sanctuary)

10:30 am Modern Service (drive-in &
in-Sanctuary)

Everyone is welcome!

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COMMUNICATOR DEADLINE

As a reminder, the deadline for the Communicator is the 15th of the month at 8:00 am. IF the 15th is on a weekend, the deadline is the following Monday at 8:00 am. Submissions for repeated printing must be earmarked with the specific publication dates.

Editor reserves the right to edit for content and space. Thank you so much for meeting the deadline! **Email Hubi at officeinfo@stpaulslive.org** with submissions.



Your old glasses can give new life

Millions in developing nations lack access to basic eye care services. The Lions Club has recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and continues to lend their support.

If you have old eye glasses that you are no longer using, please bring them to the church, drop them off in the basket on the counter by the Outreach Board and we will recycle them through the Lion's Club. Questions? Contact Gary Langenderfer.

Give us a call

Please call the church office (419-893-0205) if you or a family member are (or are scheduled to be) hospitalized, have recently moved to an assisted living facility or nursing home, become a shut-in, desire home communion or would appreciate a home visit due to health problems.

Hospitals and care facilities no longer provide us with this information and it's important so that our pastor, prayer groups, and congregation are able to provide the necessary spiritual support when and where it is needed. Please help us minister to you and your loved ones.

Who We Are

We believe that God is willing and able to do more than we can ask, think or imagine. We believe that He has positioned us to fulfill our calling to reach out into Maumee, Toledo, and the nations with His love.

We are a Bible-based, caring church family that desires to grow in Christian faith. As a congregation, our most earnest desire, programming and efforts are focused toward reaching out to the world with the great news of salvation found in Jesus Christ. And we would like to reach out to you too.

If you do not have a church home, and if you are searching for a warm, welcoming place to learn, grow, and invest your time and talents, please consider worshipping with us.

Mission & Vision

ST. PAUL’S MISSION:

In response to Christ’s great commission to share the Gospel with the whole world, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church is called to make disciples by connecting the unconnected to Jesus Christ and together growing in full devotion to Him.

ST. PAUL’S VISION:

Do L.I.F.E: Love. Inspire. Forgive. Encourage. L.I.F.E: The building blocks of authentic, Christ-centered community.

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