

# ST. PAUL'S

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### The Communicator

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### Rebecca Circle, Grace & Giggles (Mom Group), Family Fun, Ekklesia

**REBECCA CIRCLE** will meet Thursday, September 11th at 10:00 am in the large conference room. We are studying a New Disciple and Simon, chapter 13 "Living."

**FAMILY CRAFTERNOON** Please join us for a family friendly crafternoon with childcare for children 4 and under in the nursery between 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm in collaboration with the Scouts during their Fall Fundraiser BBQ Dinner, Car Show, and Trunk or Treat in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Parking Lot from noon to 6:00 pm.

**EKKLESIA** Please join us Saturday, September 27th at 7:00 pm for a night of prayer and worship. All are welcome.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT** Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 4th from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm for pizza, pumpkin painting, and mask making for the whole family.



### Happy Hearts

Please join us for our monthly senior luncheon, Happy Hearts, on Thursday, September 11th at noon in the Fellowship Hall for a presentation from Dave Westerick on Fallen Timbers. Lunch will be BBQ Pork sliders.

### New Sermon Series

On September 21st we will be starting our new sermon series. We will be spending 10 weeks on the book of Ephesians.



### Unified Service and Potluck

Please join us on Sunday, September 21st, at 9:30 am, for the chance to worship together at the Unified Church Service. (Only one service will be held that Sunday). After the service, at 10:45 am, come downstairs to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy the delicious potluck being provided by all the wonderful cooks at St. Paul's. The meat and drinks will be provided. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Space for the dish you are bringing. You can bring your dish downstairs to the kitchen before the service begins.

Please bring a dish that corresponds to the beginning letter of your last name:



A-J Salads and Casseroles

K-R Desserts

S-Z Fruit and Veggie Side Dishes



Enjoy a time of worship, food, and fellowship with your church family.



### Join Us For Sunday School Starting September 28th



Starting on September 28th, between the services, we will be starting up our Sunday School. There will be something for all ages. If you enjoyed the recent discussion groups then come join us on Sunday mornings.

Kids, if you would like to see how Jesus is in every story then join us between services.

We are looking for some willing facilitators for the adults and some willing people to help teach the kids. If you are interested please see Pastor Ben.



## From Pastor David

### Mosaic Ministries' Fall Banquet



Can you imagine the pressure a young pastor would feel being the grandson of Billy Graham? Everything you say and do would be compared to the great preacher. No matter how good you were, you would never rise to the level of your mom's dad.

This is the situation faced by a preacher who will be visiting Toledo soon. The pressures of his heritage were further compounded by the name he was saddled with, Tullian Tchividjian! His father, a clinical psychologist, was born in Switzerland but also from Armenian lineage.

Initially, Tullian got off to a great start, writing 8 books, starting a church which grew quickly, merging that church with a famous Presbyterian congregation and then replacing the legendary pastor, D. James Kennedy, of that congregation. Tullian was asked to appear on Fox News, 60 Minutes, the 700 Club and others. He won Christianity Today's Book of the Year award. He was quickly known for making profound statements on the grace of God.

Then, a decade ago, his world crumbled into dust. He failed to live up to his ministry standards, his marital vows and his own expectations. He crashed in a very public, very ugly way. The impact on his wife and 3 kids was severe. His church fired him, calling him "unfit for ministry." In pastoral terms, he was a colossal failure with zero reason to hope in a future.

However, we serve a God of second chances. Jesus was not done with Tullian. He returned to ministry after 4 years of recovery and has started a church and recovery ministry known as The Sanctuary, "focused on God's grace for the vulnerable and broken." Today, Tullian is still considered controversial in some fundamentalist circles. I think his story has a strong lesson for all of us. In the #MeToo era, we see hidden sins brought into the broad daylight. This is generally a good thing. But, our culture makes no allowances for forgiveness, reconciliation or restoration. This movement is all about punishment, not about grace. That is the special message at the heart of our faith in Christ. Only He can properly cleanse us and put our feet back upon the rock of our salvation. This is what He did with Peter who denied knowing Him. This is what Jesus did with Paul, who persecuted Christians. It is what God does with each of us who seek him.

Tullian will be the speaker at [Mosaic Ministries' Fall Banquet](#). We hope you will join us, it is free and you can register here. Tullian will also be at St. Paul's earlier that afternoon to talk with pastors and ministry leaders about grace. We hope you might join us for the free dinner that night. Any St. Paul's member is welcome to join us that afternoon as well, details to follow.



Scan to register today!

## Cont. from Pastor David

# SAVE THE DATE

## MOSAIC MINISTRIES OF SOUTH TOLEDO



FUNDRAISING BANQUET

### FEATURING:

## TULLIAN TCHIVIDJIAN

### GRANDSON OF BILLY GRAHAM

Tullian Tchividjian is the founder of The Sanctuary, a recovery place masquerading as a church in Jupiter, Florida. He's written several bestselling books, including his latest, "Carnage & Grace: Confessions of an Adulterous Heart".

Known for not holding back—his message about grace and recovery is raw, messy, and real, and he's shared it with people all over the world. He and his wife Stacie wrangle a blended family of five grown kids (who have some wild stories of their own) and four grandkids.

**23 OCTOBER 2025**

5:30 BOOK SIGNING

6:15 DINNER

### THE PINNACLE

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**TABLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**

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## From Pastor Ben

### Jesus the Greatest Coach

I spent the last nine years of my life coaching Cross-Country and Track and Field. During that time, I developed a lot of slogans and phrases, as well as heard a lot from different coaches. I eventually developed a reputation as being the loudest coach in Central Illinois, and arguably the entire state. My athletes could hear my voice from a quarter mile away during Cross-Country.

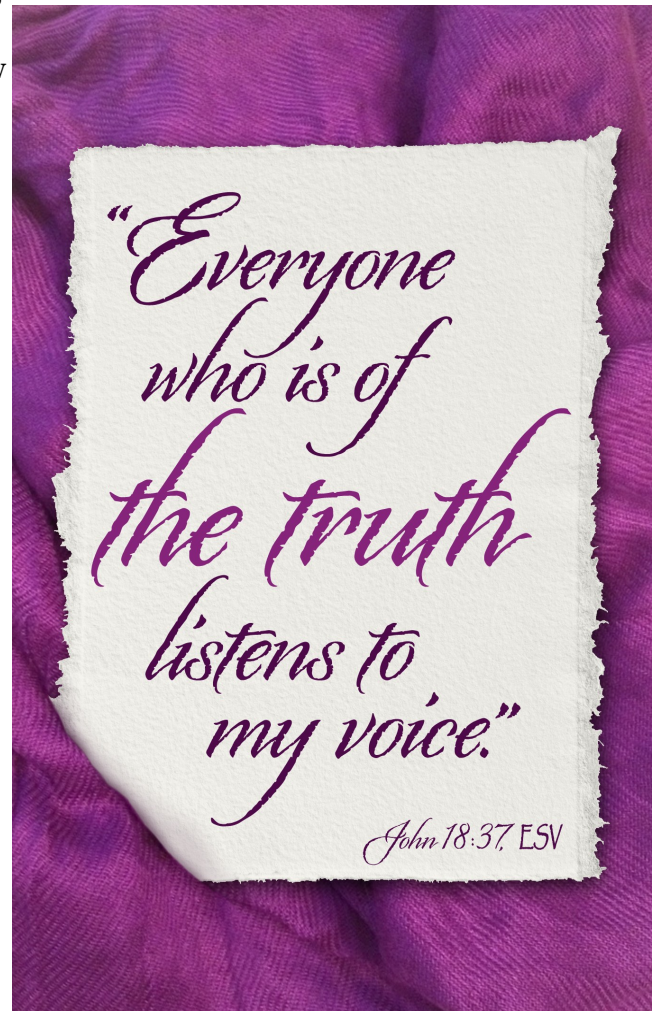
When you think about loud voices, what comes to mind? Be honest, when you hear that your new Youth and Family Ministries Pastor was the loudest coach, how does that make you feel? Most of us have encountered a lot of very loud voices. Very few of these loud voices have a positive connotation.

My focus, though, was that I wanted to make sure that my athletes never doubted my confidence in them. Not only that, I wanted them to feel the support. I wanted them to look back in 10 years and be able to have a vivid memory of an adult voice speaking truth and love.

My favorite phrase to say was, "Believe in yourself as much as I believe in you!" You would be amazed how many kids were terrified of losing. They were terrified to fail. And when they approached competition that way, guess what: they failed. I had to train them to want to win more than they were afraid to lose.

What does all this have to do with Bible and theology though? I firmly believe that Jesus desires for us to listen to his voice and to believe it. When we do not know his voice, listen to it, and shut out all other noises, we can become like an athlete who starts looking over their shoulder when they feel tired, or an athlete that looks at the high jump bar and sees that it is over their head. Jesus, like a good coach, promises to give us the power and ability to do what He calls us to. That power is the same immeasurable power that rose Him from the grave!

Does this mean that I believe God is calling you to a life of unlimited money and success? Absolutely not! Does this mean that I think God is giving you the power to have your children always listen to you, or to have your spouse always agree? No and no! But it means that I believe God calls us to make disciples, bear fruit, and grow. If He brought you to the Greater Toledo Area, then that means He believes you can grow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. He might not make your kid listen, but He can give you the patience to parent. Listen to the voice of Jesus over all the noise. He believes you can do what He has called you to do. So, do it.



## September



Labor Day  
September 1st



Grandparents Day  
September 7th



Patriot Day  
September 11th



First Day of Autumn  
September 22nd

## Available Altar Flower Dates

There are still altar flower dates available in the month of September, September 7th, 14th, and 28th are still available. The cost is \$20.



## VBS Thank You from Children's Ministry



The Children's Ministry would like to say a big thank you to everyone who volunteered for VBS this year and made it a huge success. We wouldn't be able to do it without you. The kids had fun learning that Jesus is our "True North" and that no matter what we can **TRUST IN JESUS!**



## Thank You from Family Ministry

Thank you to all of the volunteers, the Scouts, Jeff Ward, and Janet Yedica that made Family Fun Day during the Maumee Street Fair possible. Thank you Zack Heisey for seeing the need for more tents and providing those for us! A very special thank you to the Walenczack family, Echhardt family, Sophia and Charlotte Scott, Dave Greiger, and Beth Condon for your help with the parking and drink stations. Thank you Linda Scott for your help setting up the ice cream and Dennis Schell for refilling the ice cream and manning the ice cream table.





**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:**

- "Simply Give" (fundraiser through Maumee Meijers) continuing through September 27th

#### **Continues from Column 1**

#### **THANK YOU!**

A BIG thank you to the gardening angels (Property MAT plus friends) who re-did the parking lot's side bushes by trimming, replanting, and mulching the area along Gibbs Street. The change in landscaping is amazing and gives such a neat look to folks who travel along that area.

**Thank You!** I just want to thank you for your kind and generous gift you gave to my husband and me at Christmas time. You made his Christmas so wonderful when he was real sick and we had no money. That meant so much to me because I loved him so much. You all are the best people and walk the talk of what followers of our Savior, Jesus Christ wants us to do. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. My husband is no longer with me, but with the Lord. Sue and the other ladies at the God's Storehouse are the most special people in the world. Love to all,

♥Mrs. Louise Rupert (from a family who receives Holiday food baskets and visits the God's Storehouse)

#### **Maumee Schools - School Supplies Collection**

We finished our collection of school supplies for the students of the Maumee Schools. Your generosity enabled us to donate 68 bags of school supplies which is almost three classes of students.

Thank you, St. Paul's members, for helping out the most needy kids so they can start the school year like the other students!

#### **Continues from Column 2**

**Back Pack Collection** We collected 68 back packs to give to the Maumee Schools to pass out during the "Welcome Back" times at each of the schools. Thank you for your generosity for the kids of struggling families so they can begin their school year supplied like their peers.

#### **"Simply Give" (June 29-September 27 th )**

This program, that helps stock our "God's Storehouse" food pantry, is continuing and is sponsored by Meijers in Maumee on Conant Street Sunday, June 29 through Saturday, September 27th. It's as easy as 1,2,3.

1. Pick up a red/blue "Simply Give" card from the box in the Gathering Space OR from a kiosk near the check out lines at Meijers.
2. Keep the card with you when you shop at Meijers and present it to the cashier.
3. He/she will add your \$10 donation to your shopping total. That's it! Your \$10 donation will be tallied.

On Saturday, August 16 and again on Saturday, September 13th, there will be a Double Match Day. For every \$10 Simply Give card purchased on the Double Match Day, Meijers will provide an additional contribution of \$20, bringing the total to \$30 for a single customer purchase. At the end of the program, St. Paul's will be given your monetary donations in the form of gift cards which we can use to restock the God's Storehouse. The Outreach MAT would like to thank you, in advance, for helping others by your generosity!



**Continues from Column 1**

**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!

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 McDon-

ald 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.

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**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 September Shopping List:**

Pop Tarts, small canned chicken, dill pickles, Spam, snacks like cheese and crackers, cookies, etc, canned pasta (like beefaroni), diced tomatoes, strawberry jelly, mandarin oranges, mustard, mayonnaise, any kind of Jiffy mix, crackers, relish, waxed beans, beets, green beans, peas, crushed or chunk pineapple, boxed mashed potatoes, Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper, chocolate or vanilla frosting, brownie mix

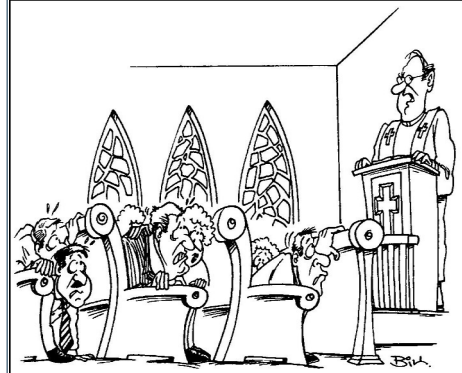
If you are shopping and think of it, buy two and donate one to God's Storehouse. We thank you, in advance, for your generosity!



**The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of those brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me."**

**(Mathew 25:40)**

SERVANT LEADER  
 QUILTING SINGING SERVING OTHERS  
 TRANSPORTATION ALTAR YES TEAMWORK  
 THANK YOU GUILD READER  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ACOLYTE GIVE  
**VOLUNTEER**  
 YOU USHERING MENTORING  
 GREETING  
 WORKING TOGETHER BEING AVAILABLE  
 THE HEART OF EVERY CHURCH EVERY WHERE  
 ANSWERING THE CALL  
 GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS  
**STEPPING UP**  
 ASSEMBLING SCHOOL KITS  
 DISCIPLESHIP  
 FOOD PANTRY  
 THANK YOU FOR  
 SAYING  
 YES



"All right, perhaps I should rephrase that last question...Which of you 'Brave Committed Souls' would be willing to fill in today in our preschool?"



Make this craft as a helpful reminder of Jesus' free gift of grace.



**What you do:**

1. Fill the box with small stones to weigh it down. Tape the box securely closed.
  2. Wrap the box and add a bow on top.
  3. With marker, write a capital letter on each side of the box and the bottom to spell GRACE.
  4. Use this as a decoration or paperweight, or give as a gift.
  5. Explain GRACE to someone.
- For help, use Ephesians 2:8-9 and the acrostic **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**.



## M.A.T. Spotlight



### T<sup>3</sup> MINISTRY

#### *Time, Talent & Treasure*

Connecting to new and current members by saying “Hi!” on Sunday mornings and helping members find where to use the interests that God gave them!

Could This Be You?

Do you feel called to help people get involved with church activities?

Could you help create & manage an Interest survey such as gathering info of member’s gifts to help connect them to the appropriate MAT?

Do you feel led to help the congregation understand their spiritual growth for giving?

Would you be interested in providing oversight for financial accountability?

Would you like to help educate the congregation on ways they can use their Time, Talent & Treasures?

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 and the T<sup>3</sup> MAT Leaders, Erin Grieger, will reach out to you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## Memorials

Kathy and Larry Kowalka in memory of Dale Cook.

Dave and Mary Grieger in memory of Mark Sass.

Paula and David Cook in memory of Dale Cook.

Ron and Karen Szymanski in memory of Dale Cook.

Jim and Janet Fox in memory of Dale Cook.

Lowell and Antoinette Kern in memory of Dale Cook.

IBEW Local 8 in memory of Dale Cook

Helen Gilbert in memory of Donna Wunderley.

Becky Guth in memory of Donna Wunderley.

Helen Gilbert in memory of Betty Heidebrink.

Linda Dolley in memory of Betty Heidebrink.

Brian Kennedy, Mark Walla, Jennifer Koder, Christina Slade, Dan Northrup Rechmann in memory of Betty Heidebrink.

Helen Gilbert in memory of Dale Cook

Ralph and Denise Urrutia in memory of Betty Heidebrink

Bob and Darlene Heidebrink in memory of Betty Heidebrink.

Paul and Melissa Schemrich in memory of Betty Heidebrink

## Memorials Cont.

Barb and Arnie Brossia in memory of Betty Heidebrink.

Don and Arlene Gurzynski in memory of Betty Heidebrink.

Jimme and Joyce Cothren in memory of Betty Heidebrink.



*In Loving Memory*

## 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 smhardn@stpaulslive.org). If you have information for the “Messenger” or the “Communicator” please send it to officeinfo@stpaulslive.org.

David is trying to meet with each St. Paul’s member. Please let him know if you wish to schedule coffee or lunch. If there is an emergency outside of our office hours, please call Pastor David at 419-270-2582.

Pastor Ben is also trying to meet with members of St. Paul’s please let him know if you would like to meet. He has a Michigan number so if you get a message from a Michigan number it may be him 269-224-0936.

## Men’s Bible Study and Prayer Group has planned meetings

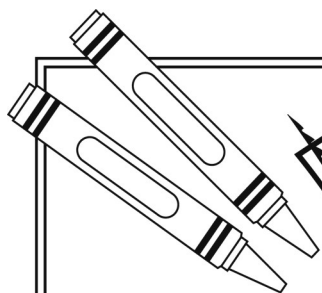
The Paul’s Lutheran Church Men’s Bible Study and Prayer Group.

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.

We meet every first and third Saturday at 8:00 am.

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





# PUZZLE

## APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

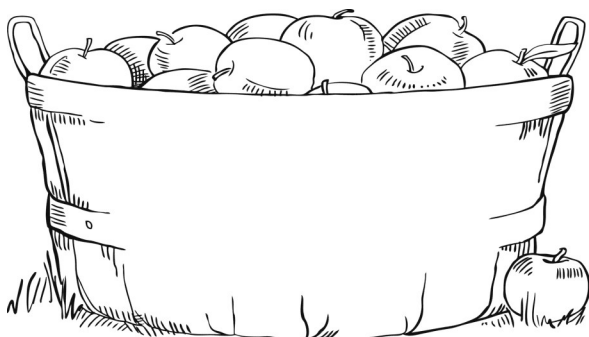
*Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.*



“ \_\_\_\_\_  
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PSALM 17:8, NIV

Answer: “Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.” Psalm 17:8, NIV



## APPLE SNACKS



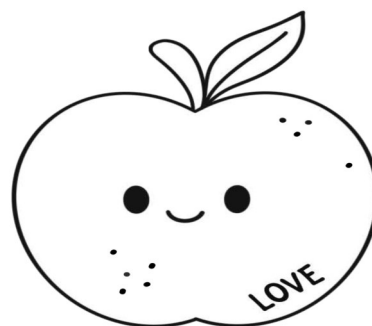
These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

### What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

### What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.



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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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**Trustees:**

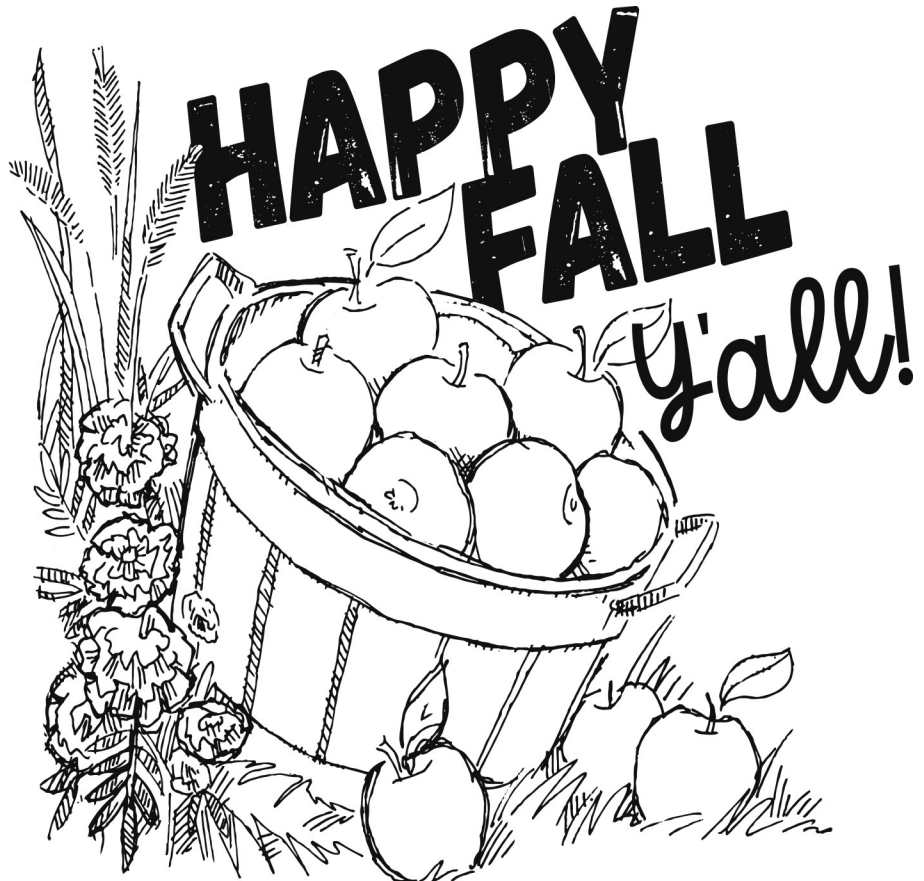
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**COMMUNICATOR**  
**DEADLINE**

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](mailto: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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