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### Join us for an Epiphany "celebration"

Join us this Epiphany season as we celebrate the revelation of who Jesus is: the Savior of the world.



This six-week sermon series that begins on Sunday, January 7, looks at different events in Jesus' ministry and shows how they fill out our picture of Jesus.

Worship with us on Sundays, this Epiphany season, at 8:30 (Traditional Service)

or at 10:30 am (Modern Service) as God is REVEALED.

### Five-week Bible study begins soon

Want to begin the new year with a Bible study that delves deep into the Bible? We have a five-week study that will begin Wednesday, January 10th, and end just before Lent.

This Bible study (African Bible Study—Sacred Reading) is a structured approach to learning about our Christian faith from scripture. It encourages self-reflection as

well as the chance to ask questions and listen to others. The only materials needed are your Bible and an open heart and mind to hear His message. We will meet in the music office room. A morning and an evening session will be offered. OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED. Sign-up will be in the Gathering Space.



### News from the Business office

Contributions to St. Paul's that are intended to be included on the contribution statements for 2023, must be received in the Business Office by 10:00 am on Thursday, December 28, 2023. Contributions made on Sunday, December 31, 2023, will be included with 2024 contributions.



### Congregation to vote on Call Committee's recommendation

Though, at the time of this printing, it hasn't taken place yet, a specially-called meeting of the congregation will take place following both services on Sunday, December 17.

The Call Committee has had discussions with Pastor David Kaiser and is recommending that we call Pastor Kaiser as our "Full-time Contract Senior Pastor," effective January, 2024. Specific date to be determined. Keep your eyes and ears open for additional updates or news.



*"Our hope is not in the new year, but in the One who makes all things new."*

## Health Matters

### Paul Doerfler, Pastor

**"These things I have spoken to you,  
That my joy may be in you,  
And that your joy may be full." "**  
JN 15:11, ESV

Joy. Joy has a variety of dictionary definitions. For example, *joy*—is a *vivid* emotion of pleasure arising from a sense of well-being or satisfaction. *Joy*—is the *feeling* or *state* of being *highly pleased* or *delighted*. *Joy* —is a feeling that echoes an *exultation* of spirit, gladness, or delight.

Upon researching some for the purpose of a sermon, one thing I could not find in the secular definitions of "joy" I read, was a clear statement of accountability for the *joy* we either have, or not. The *joy* communicated in scripture *does* include accountability as part of *its* meaning. Can there be such a thing as a "joyless Christian" for example? With rare exceptions, in the majority of cases, it would seem that a "joyless Christian" would only be true through one's free choice.

A "joyless Christian" sounds like an oxymoron. Two words stuck together that pointedly clash with one another. It's like saying something is *pretty ugly*, *awfully good*, or *growing smaller*.

When we are obedient in love to the teachings of Jesus, we *are* at the same time faithful stewards of His calling us to be His Servants. We become His loving servants whenever we abide in Him (*take up your cross and follow me*, He said). Jesus asks His followers to minister to one another for the sake of His Kingdom. Both in the here and now, and His Kingdom to come.

Are you abiding in Jesus? When we faithfully abide in Him, Kingdom fruit results. Even more fruit results when we are pruned a bit. Our life's situations being a catalyst. Prayers are "answered" when we abide. Relations become ever *deeper* in the Lord. Joy is felt; expressed; enjoyed.

"I slept, and I dreamt that life was all joy. I woke, and saw that life was but service. I served, and discovered that service was joy," wrote Rabindranath Tagore. Jesus informed His disciples that their *joy* would correspond to their obedience to His teachings. How Jesus lived and what He taught indeed produces freedom and joy. Never bondage. Never grief. Never a sense of hopelessness. But most of all, a study of the *joy* Jesus experienced shows that it came as a result of how Jesus selflessly served others. Who is Jesus calling you to serve in His name this coming year?

May the New Year find you taking advantage of all those *serving* opportunities God sends your way in 2024. To be His servant in love and in obedience to Him. And may the joy of Jesus fill your hearts and minds all along the paths He leads you.



## New Trustees were elected

Many thanks to those who were willing to have their names placed in nomination for a position as a Trustee. We appreciate your willingness to serve.

Thank you, also, to Scott Valare whose term as a Trustee will conclude on December 31, 2023.

The two new Trustees who were elected at the November 12th Congregational Gathering are Linda Scott and Gary Yunker.

In other recent Trustee news, Barbara Corrello was appointed to serve the remainder of Adam Wagner's unexpired term.

## Commissioning Service date set

On Sunday, January 28th, at our 10:30 am service, our congregation will commission our Trustees and M.A.T. (Ministry Area Team) Leaders for 2024 and we invite you to be present.

On that Sunday, we will pray for them and send them out to minister and work, asking for God's blessing and the Holy Spirit's wisdom and power. This service offers an opportunity to show our encouragement and support.



*"Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."*  
—Carl Bard

## Year-End Reports are due soon

Staff, 2023 Trustees, and 2023 M.A.T. Leaders are reminded that the deadline for having your Year-End Report for the 2023 program year turned in to the church office, is by the end of the day on Sunday, February 4.

Please make a note of the deadline and begin working on them soon.

## Men's Bible Study and Breakfast Club has planned January meetings



The St. Paul's Lutheran Church Men's Bible Study Group and Breakfast Club, led by Aaron Williams, meets every other Saturday morning, from 8:00 – 9:30 am in the Gathering Space.

Exploring God's Word together allows our men's group to learn and grow from one another, to be challenged, and to encourage

each other to live for something larger than ourselves.

Our upcoming scheduled meetings are January 6th and 20th. Coffee and Donuts are provided. Please bring your Bible. We look forward to having you join us.

## - New Ministry -

Are you seeking to get involved with God's Kingdom work?

Your Lay M.A.T. is seeking "Transportation Specialists", aka caring drivers who have a desire to serve our members who are in need of transportation. It could be a ride to a church service, a doctor's visit or even a quick trip to the store.

See either Ruth Houghton or Karen Scribner or check out the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.



*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."*  
—Mahatma Gandhi



## January Message from Aaron

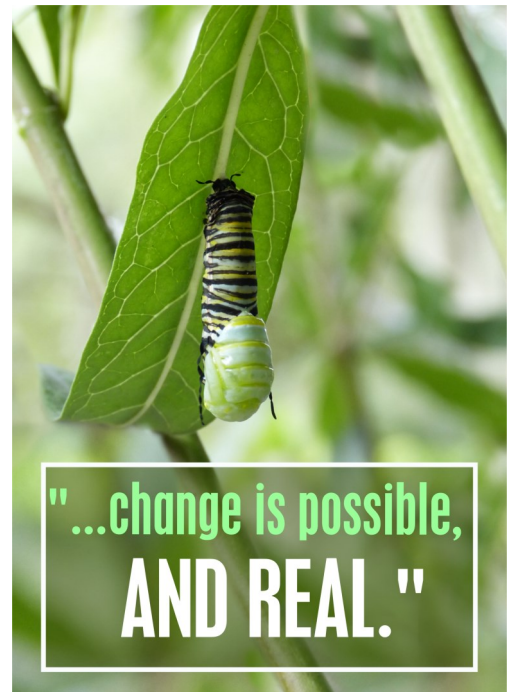
### “Repentance”

I’ve been thinking a lot about repentance recently. To repent literally means to turn from something and turn toward God. What is that, if not a choice. To repent is to choose. At the family youth group, I’d been teaching through 1 Peter, and 1 Peter 2 opens in a rather strange way. “Therefore, put away all malice, slander, hypocrisy, and envy...” Peter starts with the assumption that that’s who the readers are.

Who WE are. I can recognize in my own life how true that is, that I can be hypocritical, envious, slander others, bear malicious intent. What strikes me isn’t that. What strikes me is the call to put it away. Those things are so difficult to change. Maybe even impossible. Yet notice what Peter says, put it away. You can change. Those things he lists have a way of corrupting us, of molding us. And yet Peter’s message for us is that Jesus enables us to change.

For me, that’s really good news, that I can change. That you can, too. Maybe you gossip a lot, maybe you lie, maybe you’re addicted, maybe you’re a hypocrite. Because of Jesus, the message is the same though. You can change. That may be who you were, but it doesn’t have to be who you become, it doesn’t have to be who you stay. When Jesus was born in that manger, everything changed, and we can, too. Those things that seem like they have such a powerful grip on your life, they don’t have to have the final say. They don’t have to define you.

You can receive something so much better in Christ. As we enter a season of resolutions to change. That’s really the spirit of Christianity. That you can change. That change is possible, and real.



### Notes of thanks received

“Thank you for the many calls, cards and emails I received while experiencing some recent health issues. The “Mail-o-Gram” was bonus! Your prayers and concern for me are a huge part of the healing process and I am on the mend! Thank You Jesus!”

~ YSIC, *Karen Scribner*

“A special thanks to Jesus’s angels who did such a beautiful job decorating the Gathering Space and the Sanctuary to look so festive and homey for Christmas.”



### Could you use a meal, or two, or three?

Did you know that St. Paul’s has a “Meal Ministry”? Our “Meal Ministry” is for those persons/families who have experienced some life events such as a new baby, an illness, surgery or loss. These persons/families will have meals delivered to them.



If you would like meals delivered or you know of someone who would, please call the office (419-893-0205) and let us know.

## 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, pray-er groups, and congregation are able to provide the necessary spiritual support when and where it is needed.

Please help us best minister to you and your loved ones.



*"I do not at all understand the mystery of grace — only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us."*

—Anne Lamott

## Reserve an altar flower date in 2024 now

The beginning of the year is a good time to reserve an altar flower date — while many dates are completely open.

For centuries, flowers have held a significant role in the house of God. The Altar Flowers are a welcome offering to our worship. They glorify God, are a symbol of new life in Christ, and indeed are an enhancement to our worship space. For all of these reasons, we are thankful to everyone who is moved to give flowers on a particular Sunday. People have given flowers in thanksgiving to God for a family member's birthday, wedding anniversary, or other blessing. They have also been given in memory of a departed loved one or friend.



Many Sundays in 2024 are open on the Altar Flower calendar including all four Sundays in January (the 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th). If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar on any 2024 Sunday, please call the church office (419-893-0205).

As a reminder, the cost is \$20.00.



*"Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward."*

—Princess Diana

## January Prayer Focus: The New Year

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 COR 5:17)*

**Ask ...**  
**Seek ...**  
**Knock ...**



Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

To you be glory and honor in the New Year and forever. Amen.

## News from the Outreach M.A.T.

**"Showing God's Love Through You"**

**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.

Check out the slides, weekly bulletin, weekly email, 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.

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### ***Looking ahead to the future --***

- Welcome our new year—2024! May we be blessed as abundantly and as thankful as we were in 2023

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The Outreach M.A.T. members would like to take this opportunity to thank St. Paul's members for the generous and faithful support, this year, of our ministries for the community. We, together as a church family, have made a HUGE difference for families, individuals, and children with all the ministries we have done!

### **Prayer Corner**

Many of you have noticed the special area in the back corner of the sanctuary where there are pull-out folding doors, chairs, and a small fountain. Our Prayer Corner is reserved for folks in need of prayer or who wish to have a quiet, private area for individual prayer before or after each worship service. There is also the Chapel downstairs down the hallway to the Youth Room on the right.

### **Thanksgiving Holiday Baskets**

The turkey has been eaten and shared by our families. The picking up, sorting, and delivering is done. We could not have done this massive ministry without the help of our wonderful volunteers who made "the organized chaos" so much fun to do. We would like to thank Linn at Meijer, Maumee and Gina at Dollar Tree, Reynolds Road, for organizing the food items for us to purchase as well as the personal care items included in the baskets. We would also like to thank George Brenner and Russ Leggett for picking up the Dollar Tree

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supplies, and for our helpers Kara, Ella, Emelia, and Elora Valare, Gayle Lohrbach and Jim Brown for delivering food baskets to families without transportation, Sue Schad, Beth Condon, Dennis and Jan Schell, Ron Weaver, Joy Hodak, Jack and Sharonkae Hammon, Steve and Linda Scott, Sophia and Charlotte Scott, Nate Smith, Dave Grieger and Ellie & Laylie Grieger, Pam Walker and Grace Traxler, Chris Davidson, Paul and Becky Pickering, Lisa Leggett, Tyler, Christina, Peter, and Noah Leggett, Beth and Eleanor Heisey, Mike Young, Aunt Judy, Robin, Gavin, and Daisy Troop #1038 and their leaders and moms and dads for all their help!!

### **Angel Tree**

Thank you to all St. Paul's Angel Tree angels! We had 68 children's tags on each tree for a total of 136 tags! ALMOST EVERY TAG WAS TAKEN. The members of the Outreach MAT thank you for your generosity and kind hearts and especially to our last minute shoppers and wrappers for their flexibility and smiles. We are so grateful to you for your support of this ministry!

### **"Stock the Store" **(God's Storehouse and outside Blessing Box)****

Want to make a difference for struggling folks in our local area? Want to do something that can be done when you do your grocery shopping? The Outreach MAT has an opportunity for you! Both of our food storehouses have seen an increase of use by families who are having a hard time with the lack of

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food in these times of rising costs. God's Storehouse offers an inside "store" for families as well as The Blessing Box which is our outdoor 24/7 "store".

Every month, we will ask for donations of a particular item to "stock the store". These items are ones that are in demand by our families. You can help us out by purchasing that item while you are shopping and donating it at church in a special box labeled "Stock the Store".

For January, you can "stock the store" by donating "kid friendly" boxes of cereal (not family size). So watch each month in the Gathering Space for the item you can donate to help Outreach MAT "stock the store". Thank you for your support!!

**God's Blessing Box  
(outside parking lot food  
pantry)**

An offshoot of our God's Storehouse is God's Blessing Box which is our 24/7 outdoor non-perishable food items pantry. Stocked with items from God's Storehouse, the Blessing Box offers an opportunity for struggling community members to find food or personal items they need for their homes. With the "take what you need" or "leave what you can" philosophy, this outdoor food pantry has seen a lot of business. If you would like to donate to this pantry, leave **NON-PERISHABLE** items (canned goods, boxed dinners, etc.) in the red box near the Gibbs Street parking lot entrance. Thank you for donating to this ministry!

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**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. If you would like to learn more about RMHC and/or other volunteer opportunities, please contact Carol Doerfler at [doerflers@toast2.net](mailto:doerflers@toast2.net)

**Baby University  
(a Mosaic ministry)**

Baby University ministers to families in Toledo's Old South End. They are collecting children's books especially board books (hard cover). Research proves that reading to children from birth (or even before birth) every day for the first five years prepares them for success when they start formal schooling. Parents are their children's first and most important teachers. We, as a congregation, can help them achieve their mission by providing them with books. There is a collection container in the Gathering Space to place the books. Thank you for helping this important, but vulnerable part of our population.



**Aldi's Plastic Handled Bags**

Because of restricted supply from Aldi's, Outreach MAT's collection of plastic, handled bags used to pack the Holiday Baskets is dwindling. We could use your help! If you shop at Aldi's, please consider purchasing a dozen bags for our use when we do the Food Baskets. We need about 250-300 bags. The bags have white handles and are \$0.13 each. Thank you, in advance for our generosity, if you can help us!! Put the bags in the wooden bins near the coat hang-up areas or give to one of the Outreach MAT members.



**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 January shopping list:**

Pop Tarts, snack crackers, cookies, pudding or jello cups, single-serving chips or pretzels, instant chocolate pudding, red jello, mustard, catsup, Hamburger or Tuna Helper, Knorr pasta sides or rice sides, canned chicken, relish, canned tuna (in water), "kid-friendly" cereals, mandarin oranges, any kind of Jiffy mix, crushed or chunk pineapple, boxed mashed potatoes (like au gratin),

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/narthex.

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## News From the Outreach MAT (Continued from Page 7, Column 2)

The Outreach MAT would like to thank the anonymous St. Paul's members who are continually contributing items, monetary gifts, or time for our ministries. We are so honored to be the "visible" face of St. Paul's for the local families we help, but we would like to express our gratitude to all of you who are always helping out without any kind of recognition.



*The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me." (Matthew 25:40)*

## M.A.T. Spotlight

### "Is this MAT your Cup of Tea?"



- Did you know that, once a month, our church cooks AND serves dinner at Mosaic in downtown?
- And that we do pancake breakfasts, too?
- This is our way to be the HANDS & FEET of Christ!

Is God asking you to help serve in this way?  
Then the LUTHERAN COMPASSIONATE RELIEF (LCR) MAT is your "Cup of Tea!"

Please reach out to Russ Leggett (419-874-9413) and tell him you saw this in the *Communicator* and that you'd like to help when the need arises!

Committees make plans - M.A.T.s (Ministry Area Teams) take action!!

\*\*If this list wasn't your "cup of tea", no worries!  
We have many other areas that will fit your interest.

Stop by the counter at the back of the church right by the nursery where you'll see all of our "Cups of Tea." Grab a paper interest survey to fill out and drop in the offering plate at the entrance of the Sanctuary so we can get you connected!

Or access the interest survey on the St. Paul's app or on our website at <https://www.stpaulslive.com/volunteer>

## Pray without ceasing

The more we pray, the more we shall want to pray. The more we pray, the more we can pray. The more we pray, the more we shall pray. He who prays little will pray less, but he who prays much will pray more. And he who prays more will desire to pray more abundantly.

—C.H. Spurgeon

## Special gifts received

A special memorial contribution to St. Paul's has been given in memory of GLENNA KOSCH by: Regina Smith, David & Vicki Huber, Gary & Jill Langenderfer, Glen & Susan DeGelnor, Carol Tracy, Kent & Hong Buehrer, Helen Gilbert, Gayle & Diana Lohrbach, Linda McKinsey, Judy & Darrell Converse, Jon & Pam Boyer, Heather Boyer, Cheryl Bernhardt, the Kosch-Evanoff Families, Charmaine McClellan, Michael & Lonna Young

A special honor contribution to St. Paul's has been given in honor of St. Paul's wonderful office volunteers at Christmas by Becky Guth.

A special honor contribution to St. Paul's has been given in honor of St. Paul's friends at Christmas by Becky Guth.



## The first step

Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

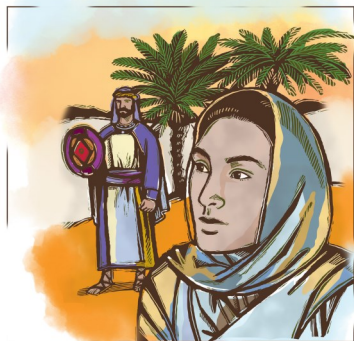
—Martin Luther King, Jr.



## Bible Quiz

In the book of Judges, the warrior Barak would go to battle only if a certain female leader went with him. Who was she?

- A. Rebekah
- B. Jael
- C. Michal
- D. Deborah



Answer: D  
(See Judges 4:1-10.)

## 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.

## Ladies' Lunch and Dinner Bunch news

Ladies of all ages are invited to meet on Thursday, January 18th, at 11:30 am OR at 6:00 pm at Charlie's restaurant, on Dussel, to enjoy good conversation, good food and good company together. Bring a friend! Contact Sue Schad (419-893-2330) with any questions.



## Saturday Stitchin' news

Join us for a Saturday morning of knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, or fleece blanket making on Saturday, January 6th.

Want to learn how to knit or crochet? Bring an H crochet hook or size 8 or 9 knitting needles and 4-ply worsted yarn with you. Come at 9:30 am to the Gathering Space and stay until 12 noon to learn or to sit and work on a continuing project. Not working on a project? Come and just chat with friends and enjoy the conversation and a snack or two. Bring a snack to share, if you wish.

Enjoy some time doing something you love with good friends.



## Executive Secretary is retiring

In case you haven't heard, our Executive Secretary, Becky Guth, is retiring. Her last day of work will be January 15. She'll be missed greatly in the office and we're sure you'll miss her smile and helpfulness when you visit or call the office. God bless you, Becky. We wish you a happy retirement!

### A NOTE FROM BECKY:

When you love what you do, work doesn't feel like work. Thank you for allowing me to do what I love these past 12+ years and to do it with all of you. I'm thankful and very happy to be able to retire and to have the time to do some things I've wanted to do. However, there are those who don't understand why, in addition to being happy, I'm also sad to retire. They don't understand how much I will miss this place and all of you. God bless you all!

My life won't be the same starting on Tuesday morning, January 16. It may be a difficult transition. In fact, I'm sure you all will be the first people that I think about — after I wake up at 10:00 am. ☺

Love and blessings!

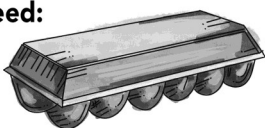
*Becky Guth*



Geodes look plain on the outside but contain beautiful crystals. Create these “rocks” to show how God makes us new on the inside.

### What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors (and adult help)
- Epsom salt
- Plastic zippered bags (one per color of dye)
- Food coloring
- Glue
- Paintbrush



### What you do:

1. Cut out the tops and bottoms of all the egg compartments so you can make 6 ball shapes.
2. In each bag, put 3 tablespoons of Epsom salt and a drop or two of food coloring. Seal and shake to mix.
3. With the paintbrush, spread glue inside two egg-carton halves. Sprinkle a spoonful of Epsom salt into those halves. Then close and shake.
4. Open your homemade geode and shake out excess salt.
5. Optional: Preserve the crystals with a coat of clear-drying glue.



# HAPPY NEW YOU!

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

*Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.*

| JANUARY 2024 |        |           |           |          |        |          |
|--------------|--------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| Sunday       | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|              |        | 1         | 2         | 3        | 4      | 5        |
|              | God    | night     | word      | in       | love   | Jesus    |
| 7            | glory  | therefore | speak     | give     | light  | Christ   |
| 14           | saw    | beginning | anyone    | waters   | help   | is       |
| 21           | he     | again     | through   | earth    | made   | while    |
| 28           | new    | if        | and       | creation |        |          |

The second Monday \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The last Monday \_ \_

The 16th \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

One day before the 20th \_ \_

The day before the first Friday \_ \_

The last weekday of the second week \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The day after the 20th \_ \_

The day after 18th \_ \_

The first day of the second weekend \_

The last Sunday \_ \_ \_

The last day of the month \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Answers: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

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**In the event of an emergency**  
and it's after hours, you may reach Pastor  
Paul at **419-382-5747**.

**Office Hours:**  
Mon-Fri: 8:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:30 pm

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***Pastoral Staff:***

Rev. Paul S. Doerfler

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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:***

Doug Barchick  
Gary Yunker  
Barbara Corrello  
Linda Scott

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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!

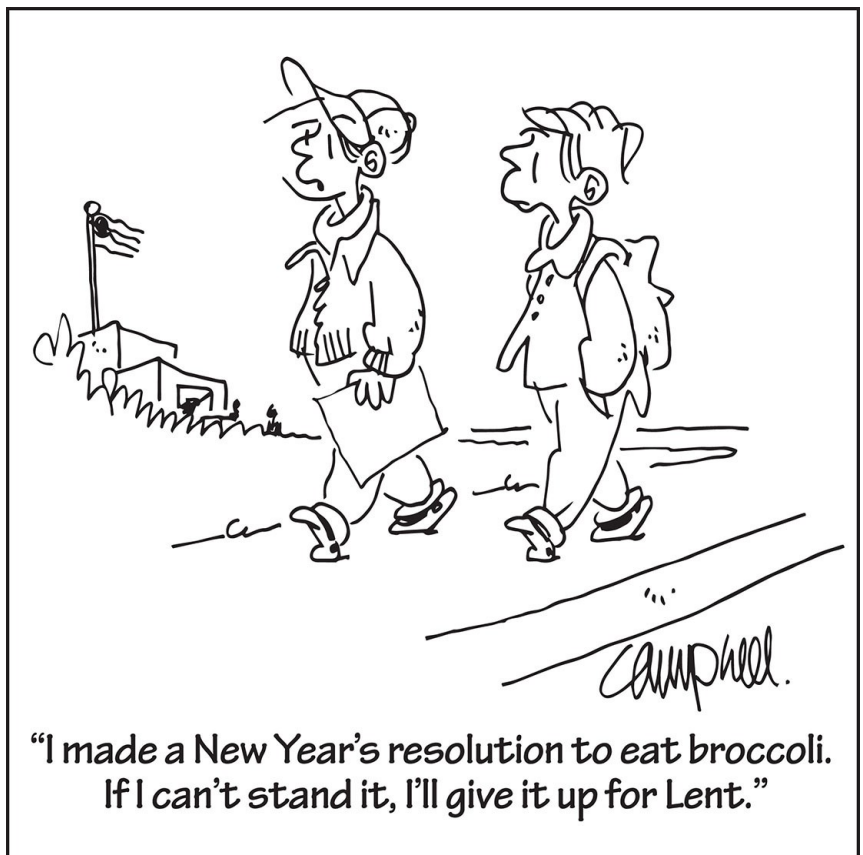
## Make a note!

In the case of inclement weather on  
Sunday morning or at any other  
time when church activities are be-  
ing held, please refer to the follow-  
ing policy:

- Lucas County **Level 3** snow  
emergency: all worship and all  
non-worship activities are  
cancelled.
- Lucas County **Level 2** snow  
emergency: all non-worship activities are cancelled. Worship will  
be conducted as scheduled unless the pastor deems otherwise.  
Media announcements will be made.
- Lucas County **Level 1** snow emergency: Worship will be  
conducted as scheduled. Non-worship activities will be held  
unless cancelled by the event leader. If cancelled, attempts will be  
made to notify all participants.

(When media announcements are made, we will always be listed as  
"St. Paul's Lutheran, Maumee".)

**IF YOU DO NOT FEEL SAFE  
OUT IN THE WEATHER, PLEASE STAY HOME.**





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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