

ST. PAUL'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Welcome, Pastor David! We're glad you're here!

He's already a familiar face around St. Paul's and now he'll also be in the Senior Pastor's office!

We are very pleased to announce that, on Sunday, December 17th, at a specially-called meeting, the congregation voted overwhelmingly to call Pastor David Kaiser as our "Full-time Contract Senior Pastor."



The date of Pastor David's Installation Service is unknown at this writing but he's already getting comfortable his office and he's with us on Sundays.

Join us this Lenten season as we look at our brokenness and God's promise of new life to us through Jesus

We will be starting our Lenten journey on **Ash Wednesday, February 14th**. On Wednesday's we will be doing a series called "Broken For Us" which contemplates the reasons why Jesus is going to the cross. Our lives are hard—because of our own sinfulness, but also because of the actions of the world. God knows this and has promised to deliver us from the pain of this world. He promises the ultimate redemption of the world and of all those who believe. The concentration of his promises is found in Jesus' cross. On Sunday's we will be continuing our journey through a series called "Just As He Promised" which focuses on the promises that God has made to us. We need to start with the situation that God promises himself into our sin and brokenness. Even as we see the depth and width of our sin, we see the promises that God himself makes, in the person and work of Jesus Christ. It's not going to be easy for us; in fact, it will probably be harder than we can ever know. Yet, God promises his hope and his new life, and we will see it in our lives.

We look forward to going through this journey with you!

A Lenten Soup Supper invitation



Please consider slowing down a bit starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, and make time in your schedule to come to church and do what Jesus commanded us to do. Love the Father with all your heart and mind and love one another.

We will continue the tradition of having a meal prior to the 7:00 pm Wednesday night worship services. Come and enjoy soup, salad, bread, dessert, and, best of all **fellowship** before the 7:00 pm service. Consider inviting a friend or family member to share this experience with you and use this as an opportunity to grow together in your faith and understanding of the great love and sacrifice God has given each of us.

Meals will be served 5:30-6:30. Volunteers are always needed for food preparation, serving, clean up, and dessert donations. There will be sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space. Questions? Contact Russ Leggett (419-344-0690).

Pastor David's Message

David Kaiser has recently joined St. Paul's as our Interim Contract Senior Pastor. He has been an occasional guest preacher here for about 12 years. David and his wife, Kelly run an organization in the Old South End of Toledo called Mosaic Ministries. St. Paul's has been a supporter of Mosaic; serving dinners and helping in other ways.

Contracting with David will deepen the connection between the two ministries. Mosaic is too small to support a full-time pastor. For St. Paul's, the advantage is having a local platform for evangelism. If you would like to volunteer at Mosaic please let David know. We will communicate more about Mosaic in future newsletters.

David and Kelly married for 38 years ago and have 5 children and 6 grandchildren, so far. They started Mosaic Ministries 16 years ago. The goal is to transform individuals and the neighborhood through the power of the gospel and education. Low-income kids in most of our cities are falling terribly far behind middle class children.

David is very excited to serve at St. Paul's. "I think the church has a great foundation for the two kinds of growth I hope to see Jesus cause here. The first is individual growth in our relationship with Him. The second is congregational devotion to increasing our impact for His kingdom. My first priority is to get to know each of you. I hope to talk with each person regularly and meet together a few times per year as well."

Health Matters Paul Doerfler, Pastor

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live." JN 14:15-19

As you consider the New Year and what lies ahead for you, think about reflecting on how *you* would answer that *same* question Jesus asked his disciples, soon before leaving this earth: "***But what about you?***" he inquired. "***Who do you say I am?***" MT 16:15.

With most of 2024 still ahead, do you realize that both the daily behaviors and words you chose to use, or to *not* use *now*, pretty much defines who Jesus presently *is* to you? Also, that *this*, in turn, becomes *your* Jesus witness to those within your circle of community life?

As Jesus followers, we accept Him as our life's "template." Through your reading and studying of God's Word, *who* Jesus *is* to *you*, your life-witness of Him, is disclosed by how you daily live. I'm reminded of that old adage parents use with their kids when they know they are falling short in some manner of their "Good Housekeeping" parental standards, and they sharply respond to them with a: "Do as I say, *not* as I do." When they too, find it hard, to meet The Jesus Standard. As loving parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, sisters, brothers, fellow Jesus followers—the "bar" is high. And that "perfection standard" is impossible for us all. So, what is one to do?



I don't know if it's merely a new trend this year, or, if the science will actually hold true beyond 2024. But, I've read some rather unique articles recently, re the "best new way" to break old, unhealthy habits. Over the years, we've been constantly barraged by incentives concocted to help make us crave, then quickly consume a "thing" of multiple types, and/or origins. Call it brain overload via too many choices, or time-stressors in excess—we are being drawn into the "Devil's playground" through worldly thinking and at times, mindless acting. Our brains, originally wired primarily for survival and bearing Kingdom fruit for God, are being hijacked such, that much of life is now focused primarily on "me." Resulting in unhealthy habits enduring.

I'm not telling you anything you don't already know when I expose—how self-control, as the old key-approach to handling habits, often fails. There's brain chemistry involved when habits form. There are "feel-good" chemicals at work in the brain helping to reinforce one's harmful ways. Be they drugs, excessive alcohol, smoking, unhealthy sexual choices, etc. Yet, there's a cited better way now, of handling habits than simple self-discipline. Science these days call it: mindfulness.



The art of mindfulness training tries to make people more aware of that "reward" which reinforces their particular unhealthy behavior. They're helped to identify what really drives their bad habits in the first place. Then, once they're more aware, they discover the reward isn't nearly as gratifying as they first believed. Thus, unhealthy behaviors can more easily be changed, by consciously realizing the reward isn't worth the risks, in simple terms. While this idea may be newer to science, there's nothing new under sun with God. Let me end this "new science realization" by invoking Our Creator, who gives us all we need, in His Word.

God has already spoken about human mindfulness in large part in RO 8:6, which says: "For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace." RO 8:6, ESV. The peace mentioned here, you see, isn't limited to our victory over death through Christ. But, it's a peace which one also can live and enjoy daily by making a first life-investment in a regular ongoing relationship with God and His ways of dealing with every issue we face in life.

Prayer: Dear God, as our deigned helper, aid each of us this year ahead by enabling us to best prioritize our spiritual convictions. Relying on You more, and our flesh, less. Guide us daily into actively abiding in and being in harmony with those values of the Holy Spirit. Inasmuch as we do Lord, grant that we experience Your promise of true life and Your peace. Bought and paid for us through your Son, Jesus. It's in His Name we pray this. Amen

February Message from Aaron

"Gratitude"

I read once that we are 17x more likely to focus on the negative than we are on the positive. I don't know how true that is, but I certainly feel it in my own life. It is so easy to dwell on what's broken. What's not working. It is so easy to offer up criticisms, discouragements, and put downs. But, like Pastor David said, what would life look like if you and I were a people of gratitude? If, instead of focusing on the negative, we celebrated the positive? I think we would see life begin to flourish.

I wonder if we wouldn't begin to see even ourselves changing from bitter, angry people, into more gentle, loving and kind people.



Boy Scout Troop 103 Annual Scout Sunday

The Annual Scout Sunday Pancake Breakfast will take place on Sunday, February 4th, from 7:00 am—11:30 am.

Please join us and support Boy Scout Troop 103 at their “All You Can Eat” Pancake Break-fast. Menu includes: pancakes, sausage, and beverages.

Admission is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for kids. Family rate is \$20 (parent & 2+ kids). Children, 3 and under, are free.



A Note From Becky

THANK YOU, AGAIN!

I know that I said “thank you” in the article that I wrote last month about my retirement. But, I want to say “thank you” AGAIN. I am very touched by all of the special kindnesses that you’ve shown me this final month of being your secretary. Thank you for stopping by my office and sharing your congratulations and good wishes. Thank you for the emails and calls and cards and hugs and gifts. It all meant so much to me. God bless you and God bless St. Paul’s.

Love and blessings!

~Becky Guth ♥

Notes of Thanks Received

“I wanted to thank you all for all that you have done for our family—the wonderful meals, prayers, and support through these difficult days. I honestly do not know what I would have done without you. I am certainly blessed with a wonderful Church Family.”

~Tricia

“A heart-felt thank you to the friends at St. Paul’s for their Christmas greetings.”

~Charmain McClellan

We Welcome our New Executive Secretary

We have a new Executive Secretary that started this past week. Her name is Hubi Smith. If you’re in the area sometime, stop by and say hi. Her email is hhsmith@stpaulslive.org. Hubi is originally from Radford, Virginia and was the daughter of a very involved church secretary at the First Baptist Church in Radford. She has an educational background as a librarian and has worked as a community college librarian and instructor, as well as, a public library librarian. Additionally she has experience as a legal assistant and church secretary. She moved here from Pikeville, Kentucky with her husband, son, sister-in-law, and two dogs in May 2023.

He celebrated his First Communion

At our 10:30 am worship service, on Sunday, January 14th, we rejoiced as Cohen Ball received the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. It was a special day. God bless you, Cohen!



Special gifts received

A special contribution has been given by Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Heidebrink in honor of Betty Heidebrink and in memory of Robert Heidebrink.



Reserve an altar flower date in 2024 now

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.

Many Sundays in 2024 are open on the Altar Flower calendar including all four Sundays in February (the 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th). 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.



Lent Prayer for Strength and Protection

“Lord God, heavenly Father, you know that we are set in the midst of so many and great struggles, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection, to support us in all struggles, and carry us through all temptations; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Source: Martin Luther, the German Litany

Meet our new members!

We're thrilled to welcome to St. Paul's, by Release from Immanuel Lutheran Church, in Deshler, Ohio, Joseph, Kendyll and Beau Chom.

We also welcome Greg, Andrea and Austin Diefenthaler who transferred from St. Peter Lutheran Church, in Martin, Ohio and Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Seville, Ohio.

We also welcome back to Howard Hall who recently renewed his membership.

These families have been worshipping with us for a while. Hopefully, you'll get a chance to meet and welcome them soon, if you haven't already.

Fun Fact: This past month, the Diefenthaler family welcomed Sydney Joy & Dylan Andrew — twins! — into their family.



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 --***

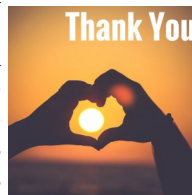
- Volunteer Appreciation Sunday– Sunday, February 11th
- Lenten Secret Prayer partners-Sunday, February 11 through Friday, March 29.

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- Easter Holiday Food Baskets– Saturday, March 23
- Easter lilies delivery-Friday, March 29.

#### **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.

#### **Christmas Holiday Food Baskets/Angel Tree**

The busy holiday season is over, and we once again have celebrated the birth of our Saviour. Just before Christmas we sent home Christmas dinner with all the fixings and also Angel Tree gifts with our families with children so they could enjoy the holiday season, too. A ministry like this could not be accomplished without the caring volunteers who helped us get our 60 families their Christmas dinner and our Angel Tree kids with 132 Christmas gifts!!

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We are so grateful to Linn from Meijers who helped coordinate the gathering of all the food we purchased for the food, Gina from Dollar Tree on Reynolds who pulled all the personal care products together for us, George Brenner and Russ Leggett for picking up all the personal care supplies and bringing them to church, and all the volunteers who gave their Saturday morning to help unpack, sort, and repack the food into "baskets" and who stayed around to get the dinners into our families' cars along with the mountain of Christmas gifts. Our sincere thanks to: Kara, Ella, and Elora Valare, Beth and Zack Heisey, Kathy Johnsonbaugh, Linda, Charlotte, and Sophia Scott, Sue Schad, Jim Brown, Erin, Ellie, Adelyn, and Laylie Grieger, Ron Weaver, Aunt Judy, Gavin, Robin, and Melissa, Tyler Leggett, Lisa Leggett, Gayle Lohrbach, Dennis and Jan Schell, Beth Lomann, Helen Gilbert, Becky Pickering, Eric Smith, Dave Grieger, Pam Walker and Grace Traxler, Joy Hodak, and Carol Doerfler.

### **Lenten Secret Prayer Partners**

(Sunday, Feb. 11th– Friday, March 29th)  
Intercessory prayer (prayer for others) is one of the greatest gifts the Father has given us. Praying for others is like touching the person with one hand and touching God's hand with the other. You become the means to bless the person for whom you are praying.

Sunday, February 11th in the Gathering Space – fill out a prayer card for yourself, listing any special concerns you might have that needs prayer.



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Sunday, February 18th in the Gathering Space –pick out a prayer card of someone in our church family that you will pray for during Lent. Commit to praying daily for that person and **KEEP IT A SECRET!**

During Holy Week Sunday, March 24th – Friday, March 29th), make or send a card (NO TEXTS OR PHONE CALLS, please) to your prayer partner revealing your identity and any other message you would like to share.

If you are not attending in the sanctuary, contact Sue Schad (sooz@bex.net or 419-893-2330). You will be signed up and sent your prayer partner name. Share the warmth and joy of this Holy Season by praying for a member of your church family.

**Easter Holiday Baskets  
(Saturday, March 23rd)**

Easter is approaching quickly, and the Outreach MAT is thinking about Easter Holiday baskets which will be distributed on Saturday, March 23rd. We need food picker uppers from Meijer's on Conant Street in Maumee at 7:30 a.m., food sorters at church at 8:00, basket delivers at 9:00 for families without transportation, and helpers to get the baskets to cars as the families come.

We should be done about 11:00 a.m.

If you can help with any of these, contact Sue Schad (419-893-2330) or any one of the Outreach Co-Directors especially if you can pick up food or deliver baskets.



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**Easter Lilies (Good Friday, March 29th)**

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. Giving an Easter lily in memory of a loved one who has died in the the past year is a small way for us to let grieving families know we care and remember their loss, too.



If you would like to help deliver several lilies to these local families on Good Friday, March 29th, please contact Sue Schad by Sunday, March 3rd. This ministry would only take a couple hours of your time. We would LOVE to have your help.

**"Stock the Store" (God's Storehouse and the 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 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 at church in a special box labeled "Stock the Store".

**For February, you can "stock the store" by donating any flavor, small size pudding or jello.**

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!!

**YOU CAN HELP**



**God's Storehouse February shopping list:**

chocolate or vanilla frosting, 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, 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.

. 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!



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

### Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

We LOVE the volunteers at St. Paul's who give of their time and talent to help others! Join us on Sunday, February 11th for a celebration of these volunteers by enjoying the goodies in the Gathering Space that Sunday. THANK YOU!

### 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 outdoors 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

### 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

### 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 will be a collection container in the Gathering Space to place the books. Thank you for helping this important, but vulnerable part of our population.



### Halos of Hope (chemo caps)

Many thanks to the ladies who are knitting and crocheting chemo caps for this ministry. We have made over 3,300 CAPS since this ministry started! We are making a DIFFERENCE! This ministry that uses volunteers to knit or crochet caps for individuals who are undergoing treatment for cancer. 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.



## 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 into 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.

## M.A.T. Spotlight

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

Do you have a heart for missions? Local or international?

We're actually looking to get the MIS-SIONS MAT up and running again.

If you have a heart for this, please reach out to Pastor Paul via the church office (419-893-0205) and let him know that you saw this message in the bulletin and would like to know more!

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>

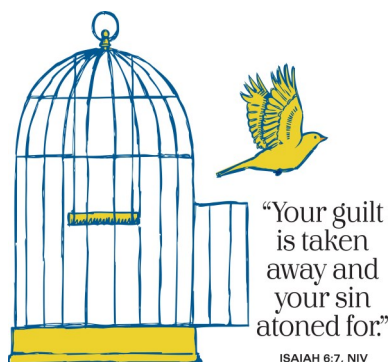




## Bible Quiz

What question does Paul ask regarding sin in the book of Romans?

- A) Shall we sin because we are under grace?
- B) What is sin?
- C) How can we overcome sin?
- D) Is sin still present in us?
- E) Shall we continue in sin?



Answer: A  
(See Romans 6:15)



## Ladies' Lunch and Dinner Bunch news

Ladies of all ages are invited to meet on Thursday, February 15th, at 11:30 am OR at 6:00 pm at Biaggi's restaurant, in Levis Commons Perrysburg, to enjoy good conversation, good food and good company together. Bring a friend! Contact Sue Schad (419-893-2330) with any questions.

Let's DO LUNCH



## Saturday Stitchin' news

Join us for a Saturday morning of knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, or fleece blanket making on Saturday, February 3rd.

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.



## Men's Bible Study and Breakfast Club has planned February 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 27, February 3, and 17, March 2. Coffee and Donuts are provided.

Coffee and Donuts are provided. Please bring your Bible. We look forward to having you join us.



# Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins  
colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer  
confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns  
cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

E N A M E S H T E G R L W Y  
C L E U X B M T H B U C W B  
N R I K Y P A T E T I Y X Y  
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## JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Starting on Ash Wednesday, the church traditionally observes Lent, a 40-day period of repentance and reflection. As we prepare for Easter, families can focus on Jesus' life and ministry, culminating in his death and resurrection.

Use this Lenten Bible Reading Plan, along with a kid-friendly version of the Bible, for family devotions. With older kids, you can expand the readings to the surrounding paragraph or chapter. Discuss how each reference to Christ ties into God's plan of salvation.



DAY 1  
Genesis 3:15

DAY 2  
Isaiah 7:14

DAY 3  
Matthew 1:20-21

DAY 4  
Luke 2:11

DAY 5  
Luke 2:52

DAY 6  
Mark 1:9-11

DAY 7  
Matthew 4:10

DAY 8  
Matthew 4:18-20

DAY 9  
Luke 6:27-31

DAY 10  
Matthew 11:28-30

DAY 11  
Luke 4:40-41

DAY 12  
Luke 8:24-25

DAY 13  
Matthew 12:8

DAY 14  
Mark 6:41-42

DAY 15  
Luke 9:20-22

DAY 16  
John 3:16-17

DAY 17  
John 6:35

DAY 18  
John 8:12

DAY 19  
John 10:14-15

DAY 20  
Mark 10:13-16

DAY 21  
Mark 9:2-3

DAY 22  
Matthew 20:17-19

DAY 23  
Luke 19:9-10

DAY 24  
Matthew 14:25-27

DAY 25  
Luke 10:36-37

DAY 26  
John 11:25-27, 43

DAY 27  
John 12:3

DAY 28  
Matthew 21:8-9

DAY 29  
Mark 11:15-16

DAY 30  
John 17:17-19

DAY 31  
Luke 22:3-6

DAY 32  
Mark 14:22-24

DAY 33  
John 13:3-5

DAY 34  
Matthew 26:39

DAY 35  
Luke 22:63-65

DAY 36  
Mark 15:22-26

DAY 37  
Matthew 27:50-54

DAY 38  
John 19:40-42

DAY 39  
Luke 24:1-8

DAY 40  
Matthew 28:19-20

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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:**

Pastor David N. Kaiser  
Pastor 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—President  
Gary Yunker—Gary Yunker  
Linda Scott—Treasurer  
Barbara Corrello—Secretary

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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.

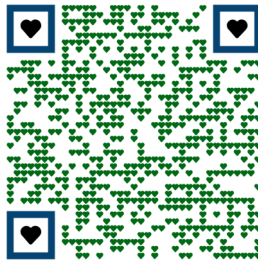
Editor reserves the right to edit for content and space. Thank you so much for meeting the deadline! **Email Hubi at [hsmith@stpaulslive.org](mailto:hsmith@stpaulslive.org)** with submissions.

## Meal Train

We have started a Meal Train for the Diefenthaler Family. They have just had twins and have a three year old at home. To help them out we have set up the Meal Train to provide meals for them. This is a great way for us to help take the burden of cooking of them.

Scan the updated QR code or visit the following link for more details.

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/1elozw>



## 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.

## Reminder

In the case of inclement weather on Sunday morning or at any other time when church activities are being held, please refer to the following 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 don't 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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