



# ST. PAUL

## HIGHLIGHTS

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS MONTH AUGUST 1ST-WHEELS FOR THE WORLD EQUIPMENT DRIVE

**WE WILL NOT HAVE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR RALLY DAY DUE TO SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

### MONTHLY PARTICIPANTS

Things have changed significantly! Our prior calendar is not really relevant at this time. We will not currently need lectors or servers. We are, however, looking for more people who are interested in being liturgists who will also read the lessons, and we will very much need ushers to direct people where to sit and dismiss people at the end of the service. Also, **very much needed are people to help with the audio and video live streaming.** Please contact the office if you can help in these capacities. We will continue our drive in services at 9am, and services in the Sanctuary at 11am. Be advised, if you participate in the 11am service, it will be live streamed via YouTube. Please contact the office if you are interested in assisting with the services. Soloists will also be needed to provide music for the services. Please contact Dale Hukill at [music@stpaulbera.org](mailto:music@stpaulbera.org) if you can help with the music.



**August 13th  
Dave & Cindy Cain - 54th Wedding Anniversary- Congratulations!**

**If you have a special occasion for September,  
please notify the office by August 15th to have it appear here!**



## CHURCH JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>-THE FIRST DAY REOPENED

I attended church the first day it was open for services. I must admit I was a little hesitant to do so, because of the COVID-19 virus. The planning and preparation for the service was amazing. I knew exactly what to do, and with everyone wearing masks I felt secure. It was wonderful to see other St. Paul friends. We are fortunate to have three options for service, sanctuary, parking lot or on-line, to choose from. A very special thank you, to all those that did the planning and implementation of the services.

Peace to all

Joan Holden



From Sue Branca:

Thank you so much to all who reached out to me after the passing of my mother, Dorothy Raynak, in May. Your cards, calls and messages meant so much and were very much appreciated and I shared them with my family. St. Paul was a very important part of my mother's life and the friendships she gained there meant so much to her. God bless you all.



### A Jesus Attractive to Sinners

“Now the...sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes brumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

- Luke 15:1-2

Jesus used to attract sinners by the hundreds, and even thousands.

They loved to listen to him.

Yet, today, those whom the church calls “sinners” don’t seem to be attracted to Jesus much at all.

This is a sad state of affairs,

And to some in the church, a confusing one.

Please, let me offer an analysis that cuts through the confusion,

And a suggestion that can end the sadness.

First, an analysis, in two parts.

The church makes it a point to call certain people sinners, and push them away to keep their community pure. So, it’s no wonder that certain people feel unwelcome in the church. They simply aren’t.

Then, we must admit that the Jesus many churches preach sounds very little like the Jesus found in the Gospels. If he did, he would likely attract the same sorts of crowds he once did. So, again, it is no wonder that the church fails to attract certain people. They do not hear the voice of the good shepherd there.

That’s my two part analysis.

Now, here’s my suggestion, in three sentences.

Dear Church,

Forgive everyone everything, without fanfare.

Accept everyone just as they are.

Love everyone unconditionally.

Do this, dear church, and you will indeed attract sinners, though, as you have probably guessed by now, you'll have to start thinking of them simply as brothers and sisters, and not as defectives who threaten the sanctity of your club. You will have to welcome them with open arms, as full equals, to the table of the Lord.

Many in the church think of this state of affairs as a bridge too far. But consider, it was the **Pharisees** who complained that Jesus received sinners and ate with them.

Here is what I can tell you.

The suggestion I've made will surely end the sadness in churches over Jesus not attracting sinners. The Jesus I have described, through the course of action I have suggested, will indeed attract sinners. But this may very well make some in the church upset.

Don't be discouraged.

It has always been this way.

The Pharisees will never be glad to receive sinners and eat with them.

But Jesus is.

Go where Jesus is.

Go where the life is.

Go where resurrection is happening.

Jesus' voice is not difficult to recognize.

He says, "All are welcome here, no exceptions."





# FINANCIALS

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Year-to-Date Financial Summary as of:

June 30, 2020

Income and Expenses Summary	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	Over/(Under) Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
<b>Income</b>				
Congregational Contributions	\$ 186,103.99	\$ 202,002.00	\$ (15,898.01)	\$ 195,405.76
Building Use	1,735.00	3,900.00	(2,165.00)	4,634.00
Interest	9.51	90.00	(80.49)	97.65
Other Income	1,073.21	2,802.00	(1,728.79)	3,085.73
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 188,921.71</b>	<b>\$ 208,794.00</b>	<b>\$ (19,872.29)</b>	<b>\$ 203,223.14</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Benevolence	3,722.09	4,038.00	315.91	19,540.51
Worship	5,692.66	8,714.00	3,021.34	6,251.33
Programs & Services	1,351.71	8,460.00	7,108.29	5,510.80
Property	24,745.86	51,936.00	27,190.14	30,006.10
Staff Salaries and Benefits	95,751.03	108,640.00	12,888.97	111,314.69
Contracted Services	10,362.00	16,002.00	5,640.00	14,952.00
Administration & Support	7,781.97	12,270.00	4,488.03	9,555.78
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>149,407.32</b>	<b>210,060.00</b>	<b>60,652.68</b>	<b>197,131.21</b>
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 39,514.39</b>	<b>\$ (1,266.00)</b>	<b>\$ 40,780.39</b>	<b>\$ 6,091.93</b>

## Income and Expenses Summary Notes:

### Overall Comments and Income Review

The YTD period ending June 30, 2020, has an operating surplus of \$39,500, just over \$33,000 more than at June 30, 2019. Congregational Contributions through June 2020 are almost \$9300 less than contributions received through June 2019. This is the largest decline we have seen this year. Total Income at June 30, 2020 is just \$14,300 less than at June 30, 2019. Congregational Contributions are under budget by almost \$16k and Total Income is under budget by nearly \$20,000 as of June 30, 2020. Note that we have received no Building Use money since March. We will monitor things closely as we continue through the pandemic and adjust accordingly.

**Note:** Other Income includes periodic gifts made by the Thrivent Choice Donation program, clothing and paper recycling programs, and other miscellaneous unrestricted income.

### Expenses Review

Total expenses were under budget by just over \$60,000 as of June 30, 2020. Total expenses YTD are almost \$48k less than total expenses as of June 2019. We expect to pay the roof repairs in the next month or so which is a rather large expense.

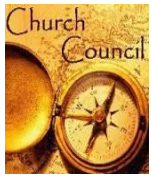
**Note:** Benevolence payments are a percentage of contributions. Therefore, when contributions are higher, benevolence payments are higher. In 2020, we budgeted 2% for the Synod only.

Balance Sheet Summary	As of June 30, 2020	As of June 30, 2019	Variance
<b>Assets</b>			
Current Assets (Cash)	\$ 209,525.66	\$ 111,084.56	\$ 98,441.10
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00	0.00
Invested Assets (Endowment)	644,753.98	612,883.92	31,870.06
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,895,828.64</b>	<b>\$ 3,765,517.48</b>	<b>\$ 130,311.16</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 814.30	\$ 3,642.04	\$ (2,827.74)
Loan from Endowment Fund	0.00	-	0.00
Payroll Protection Program Temp Loan	40,419.00	-	40,419.00
Payroll Withholding	0.00	3,189.55	(3,189.55)
Accrued Expenses and Other	250.00	250.00	0.00
Dedicated Fund Balances	145,750.73	142,820.12	2,930.61
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 187,234.03</b>	<b>\$ 149,901.71</b>	<b>\$ 37,332.32</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
General Fund	\$ 23,491.63	(37,617.15)	\$ 61,108.78
Investments (Endowment)	643,553.98	611,683.92	31,870.06
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00	0.00
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,708,594.61</b>	<b>\$ 3,615,615.77</b>	<b>\$ 92,978.84</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,895,828.64</b>	<b>\$ 3,765,517.48</b>	<b>\$ 130,311.16</b>

## Balance Sheet Summary Notes:

**Dedicated Funds** include contributions designated for specific Council-approved categories (i.e. Memorials/Honorariums, Habitat for Humanity, Sheep and Goats contributions, Youth Trips/Projects, Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, and others). These funds are tracked separately and the contributions and/or expenses are not reflected in the Operating Income and Expenses Summary. A complete listing of the current Dedicated Funds can be found on the full balance sheet.

## COUNCIL CORNER



2020 will be a year to be remembered for the impact the Covid 19 Virus has had on our lives both temporarily and possibly in some regards permanently. One was the abrupt interruption of personal relationships with one another. It has been difficult and has caused much anxiety. Even as far as our culture has come with electronic media nothing beats face to face honest talks.

Things will change for the better. With our Lord and Savior's strength we shall overcome this pandemic. But we need to be a community of saints. Together we can move Saint Paul Lutheran Church ahead and be able to leave a legacy of faith for those who come after us.

Google defines 'Sanctuary' as:

- A place of refuge or safety
- A holy place, a temple, a church
- A nature reserve

I interpret that as saying many places could be our 'place of worship'. As well as a 'place of refuge and safety'. Matthew 18:20 NIV reads "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." The same applies if I am alone talking to Jesus while sitting alongside the Rocky River in the Metro Park!

The important thing is setting time aside to worship...anywhere. It may be in your vehicle in our parking lot at the 9:00am service, in the sanctuary at 11:00am service, or watching the service in your own home. Either one you choose during this time is okay.

Please, join us in worship by one of these choices.

Randy Genther, Council President

Feel free to speak with any of the Council members- Lynne Morella, Peter Brumenshenkel, Phil Sultan, Donna Tindera, Rob Winwood, Recording Secretary Jennifer Hinton, Vice President Aaron Ozanich, Pastor Daniel Skillman, and Randy Genther



## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

As stated last month, the Property Committee as well as the Worship Committee and Church Council continue to closely monitor the releases of information from the experts who are learning more about the Covid19 virus and evaluating what the new information tells us about how we can live in the safest possible way with it. Recent information is now stressing that becoming infected with the virus from contact with a surface that has not been disinfected is much less likely than direct transmission from one individual to another by the virus contained in the tiny droplets expelled by normal speech, and certainly by coughs and sneezing. Social distance and masks are the big key to protecting you from those sudden unexpected close encounters with others who may be infected. There are studies that indicate air movement by fans or air conditioning systems can increase the effective travel range of the tiny infected droplets, so that with forced air movement the safe social distance needs to be increased.

This means that the physical comfort of being inside the building actually increases the danger and reduces the number of people who can safely occupy it. In order to eliminate the potential exposure due to air movement, the air conditioning in the Sanctuary will be run prior to the beginning of the indoor service to cool the Sanctuary, and then shut off before seating of participants for worship. Hopefully wearing of masks and ample social distancing will be sufficient to prevent direct transmission of the virus. As wonderful as it is to see our friends in worship again, remember not to shake hands, hug, or kiss any non-family member at this critical time when the number of new Covid19 cases has suddenly risen so dramatically.

Colony Roofing has found it necessary to reschedule the replacement of the Sanctuary roof. As soon as Property is advised of the revised starting date, the council and congregation will be informed.

When the major repairs and replacement of parts of St. Paul's was built into the budget 8 years ago, the congregation was advised that a 7% increase in giving would be able to support that plan. The congregation has been faithful to their unanimous approval and allowed St. Paul to make several improvements that have reduced the upkeep and operating expenses for the congregation. In the November congregation meeting, the financial report showed that the level of giving has decreased about 5% in the last year, making it difficult if not impossible to continue with the annual repairs in the future years. Please prayerfully consider what you may be able to do to help offset this decrease so that we can continue to make the necessary repairs and replacements before they become a more costly emergency situation.

Jim Jungeberg



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



### HELLO KIDS & FAMILIES-

I think about you all so often and hope that you are doing well. Can't wait until we can be back together in Sunday School. Since I am writing this in July, we are still unsure as to what the COVID-19 situation will be for the opening of Sunday School in September. Safety will always be our first concern. Watch for future announcements for the latest news. As of now, September 13th will be our 1st day. Can't wait!

### LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH-

Calling all kids & teens ... if you ever have a minute, I would love to hear from you. I would love to have you draw me a picture or write a note and I will write back to you. I would love to hear from you!

665 Wyleswood Drive  
Berea, OH 44017

### TEACHERS NEEDED-

We would love to have you join our Sunday School Teaching Staff. We have wonderful kids, families and teachers. Please contact our office staff or drop me an email if you would be interested in joining our staff. We could really use you! Thanks so much.

[children@stpaulbera.org](mailto:children@stpaulbera.org)

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CALENDAR

### NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED



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Church Council and all members of Saint Paul appreciate the dedication of all of the workers in our ministry. We would not be here without any of these people or groups. To show Saint Paul's appreciation each month different ones will be highlighted.

This month we highlight all of the women and men who teach Sunday School each Sunday as well as all of the Vacation Bible School workers. Thank you for your dedication to the Christian education of our children!

## DID YOU KNOW?

*This article is meant to learn more about some of our Saint Paul staff members:*

This month we will learn about Dale Hukill, our Director of Music Ministry in his own words.

Greetings. Most of you know me by the back of my head either in the balcony or in the side loft downstairs in the sanctuary. Well, I've been asked to let you know that there is another side to me that you probably don't know about, so here goes.

I spent most of my childhood growing up on the westside of Cleveland. We lived in a variety of apartments until my parents bought a small home of W130th St. when I was around eight. I attended Cleveland Public Schools and loved to sing. My father played piano by ear and when I was ten, he bought a little spinet organ, the kind with two keyboards and a short set of pedals for himself. I asked to take organ lessons and my parents relented. Thus, started my love affair with the instrument. Once a week I would finish school, take two buses to the rapid, get off at W 25<sup>th</sup> St and then take another two buses to get to my lessons. My mother would pick me up after she got off work as a nurse at what was then City Hospital (now Metro General).

We always attended church and after we moved to W130th St. we started attending the little Evangelical and Reformed Church in the neighborhood. I would always sit with Mrs. Peterjohn who loved to sing, and we would sing all the hymns and responses at the top of our voices. I was hooked on church music!

When I was twelve, the organist of the church took ill and I asked if I could take her place as organist. So, on the first Sunday of October, 1964 I started my career as a church organist.

In 1968 we moved to Circleville, south of Columbus and joined the Lutheran Church in town. I became even more involved in music, playing in the high school band and singing in the choirs at school. I would occasionally accompany the choir at church and play an occasional service. I started taking lessons with Tom Sullivan, a graduate of Curtis Institute in Philadelphia and a graduate of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. It was Tom who suggested I consider attending Westminster since it was one of the finest schools in the country to study organ, voice and church music. I applied and was accepted.

At Westminster I studied organ under two teachers, Mary Krimmel and Eugene Roan, both graduates of Curtis. I also had the honor to study conducting under James Litton and with Joseph Flummerfelt who besides running the choral program at WCC was the chorus master for the New York Philharmonic and founder of the New York Choral Artists. One of the best parts of attending the Choir College was performing in the Symphonic Choir with

the New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Pittsburgh Symphony, American Orchestra and Boston Symphony with conductors Leonard Bernstein, William Steinburg, Seijo Osawa, Eugene Ormandy and Leopold Stokowski. We were also lucky to have many international artists visit the campus and present masterclasses and seminars while I was there.

While at college I would have a job playing and/or directing in a church in the area. This included directing five choirs in an African American Baptist church, and playing organ in UCC, Methodist and Lutheran Churches. (including a service in Slovak every Sunday morning!)

After college I lived in the Bronx and worked for a steamship company a few blocks from the World Trade Center in Manhattan and then spent the better part of a year running a midway game on the Ohio fair and carnival circuit. (Yeah, I was a CARNIE!) I ended back up in NJ and started working as a manager for a dairy farm. I ran a convenience store, much like the Lawson's of old, and that's where I met my wife who was a part time employee at the store. We settled into an apartment in the rural part of NJ by the Delaware River and I went to work for Sam Goody. We were married and two years later we moved to Cleveland.

I worked for Wendy's for a while and then took a position with a music distributor who supplied albums and 8-tracks to big box retailers like Kmart, Woolworths, J C Penney and the like. I also returned to playing in the church, first at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, then Euclid Lutheran Church followed by Heights Christian Church in Shaker Heights and now here at St. Paul.

My wife and I currently live in North Olmsted with a view of the metroparks valley out our front door and my hobbies are gardening and walking our dog. (No, my wife is not a hobby)

I could probably tell you a whole lot more, but I've gone on long enough already. Maybe I will do part two at some point in the future?

I will close by saying that I have truly enjoyed my time so far here at St. Paul and look forward to when we can move beyond this current difficult time and create a new and exciting future for the church.

Yours in Christ,

Dale

## SHEEP AND GOATS FOCUS

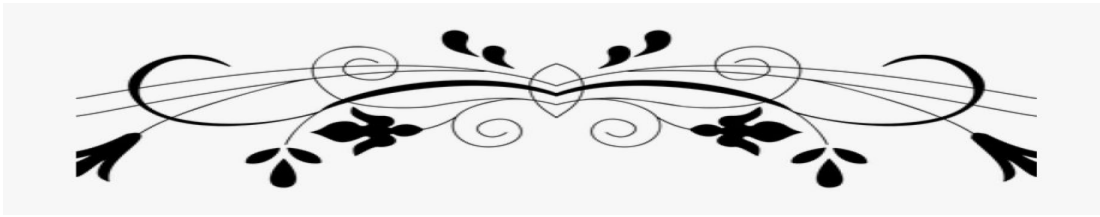


### NORTHEASTERN OHIO SYNOD ELDERLY PERSONS' ASSISTANCE FUND AND DISABLED CHILDREN'S ASSISTANCE FUND

A generous gift was given by Henry L. Howard to the LCA Ohio Synod to be used for two designated purposes: the Elderly Persons' Assistance Fund and The Disabled Children's Assistance Fund. At the formation of the ELCA in 1988, these LCA funds were distributed among the three ELCA Ohio Synods – NEOS, NWOS, and SOS –proportionally, with NEOS receiving 43.77% of the total, \$73,253.92 (or \$36,626.96 for each Fund). In 1988, NEO Synod Council chose to quasi-endow, that is, treat the amount received in 1988 as though it were not spendable and to allow use only of income added to the funds. The terms of the bequest provide that the funds remain open for additional donations, provided the donor understands that such funds will be used according to the bequest purpose.

**The Elderly Persons' Assistance Fund** shall exist for the care and assistance of elderly to provide them with monetary help, medical help, food, clothing, and recreation. In portions of the Ohio revised code, “elderly” is defined as anyone over the age of 60.

**The Disabled Children's Assistance Fund** shall exist for the care and assistance of disabled children to provide them with monetary help, medical help, food, clothing, and recreation. Children are defined as those who are under 18. The ADA defines a person with a disability as a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity.



## ONCE UPON A TIME....



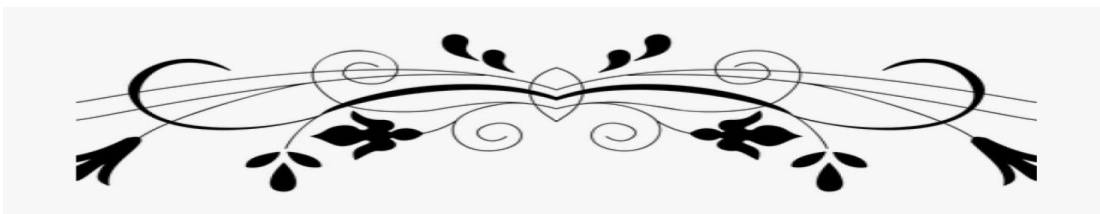
### AUGUST:

**1868** - St Paul had developed a relationship with people in Parma, establishing a mission congregation in 1868. In August of that year, St. John Lutheran Church, Parma, dedicated their church building. (unfortunately this congregation dissolved in the early 1900's).

**1954** - We received our Parish Worker, Della Koester in August of this year. She served as office secretary, and in charge of education and youth programs.

**1977** - Pastor Rauch began at St Paul

**1979** - Emma Baehr "retired" after 35 years of voluntarily teaching Sunday School and conducting Junior Church during both services on Sundays.





## THE WHEELS FOR THE WORLD EQUIPMENT COLLECTION IS ON!



**AUG 1<sup>ST</sup> 9AM – 1PM**

**ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**276 EAST BAGLEY RD, BEREA**

Wheels for the World, a program by nonprofit Joni and Friends, is holding a drive for used wheelchairs Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 9am – 1pm. Used wheelchairs, walkers, canes and crutches can be dropped off from 9-1 on Sat Aug 10<sup>th</sup> at St Paul Lutheran Church, 276 East Bagley Rd, Berea. All donations are tax deductible and receipts are available. We

cannot accept power wheelchairs.

Equipment need not be in good condition, wheelchairs and other devices are sent to inmates at correctional facilities to restore them to like new condition. Since 1994, the WFTW ministry has delivered wheelchairs and Bibles in developing countries. WFTW is not simply about “dropping off a wheelchair”. It is about changing the hearts, minds and lives of people. It’s about transforming societies, village by village, person by person. It’s about teaching about A-bilities and lessening the stigma of physical impairments. These gifts of mobility bring hope, joy and salvation to people with disabilities around the world. Normally there is a team going somewhere in the world every 2-3 weeks year-round, however the Covid pandemic has cancelled many trips, but we need to be prepared for when travel restrictions are lifted! Each team needs 200-400 chairs to fit to recipients. That is a whole lot of chairs needed each year. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.



For more information, contact Jan Bairoti at 440-234-1535. Or visit [Joniandfriends.org/ministries/wheels-for-the-world/](http://Joniandfriends.org/ministries/wheels-for-the-world/)

## MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR BERA COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE ITEMS FOR  
THE FOOD BANK, PLEASE TAKE THEM  
DIRECTLY TO THE FOODBANK AT  
535 WYLESWOOD DRIVE, BERA.  
PLEASE CALL NATALIE AT  
440-826-5800 X 4401 FOR HOURS**



## COMMISSION ON AGING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS



**All activities for the Active Senior  
Network have been suspended  
indefinitely.**

**As soon as we have information about  
the resumption of services, we will  
publish it.**

## MEMORIALS

**Neal Coughlin**  
Jack Flick





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## Beat the Heat!

Extended time outdoors & in the sun can lead to dehydration & heat exhaustion.

	Stay hydrated		Use sunscreen
	Wear sunglasses		Wear a hat
	Wear light-colored clothing		Minimize direct exposure to the sun