



ST. PAUL HIGHLIGHTS

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS MONTH

MARCH 6TH-ASH WEDNESDAY-7:00 P.M. SERVICE

MARCH 10TH-DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS-SPRING FORWARD

MARCH 17TH-ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MARCH 31ST-FIFTH SUNDAY-ONE SERVICE AT 10AM

FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

DATE	TIME	LECTORS	SERVERS	LITURGISTS	BREAD BAKERS	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	GREETERS	MONEY COUNTERS
3/3	8:30 Traditional	Bob Trausch	Adam & Jennifer Hinton	Lynnette Ozanich	Maria Phillips	Ginny Anderson Karen Kolozvary	Team 1 R Hamilton T Herr G Hofman T English F Putman T Brunett	Tracy Hamilton Laurie English	Denny & Rae Batig
	11:00 New Song	Cheryl Harkema	Alice Chadbourne Cathie Varnes	Dean Firing		Debbie Baechle Beth Boerke	Team 2 J Montag T Riggie G Rohde J Lappin R Genther T Norris	Jan Sultan Sharon Genther	
3/6	7:00 Lent Ash Wed.				Vicki Raber		Team 1 R Hamilton T Herr G Hofman T English F Putman T Brunett	Tracy Hamilton Laurie English	
3/10	8:30 New Song	Paul Heyse	Donna Tindera Karen Kolozvary	Sherrill Crawford	Lois Antl		Team 3 T Salay D Henning D Moore M Eckert P Milloy W Crawford	Sandy Henning Amy Russo Joyce Moore	I. Sumner J. Bairoti
	11:00 Traditional	Bette Idemoto	Danelle Eikens Sharon Lappin	Cindy Cain			Team 4 B Wester A Krueger P Sultan P Sultan D Cain W Hansen	Diane Barrett Jane Krisher	
3/13	7:00 Lent						Team 2 J Montag T Riggie G Rohde J Lappin R Genther T Norris	Jan Sultan Sharon Genther	

3/17	8:30 Traditional	Tom Herr	Charles Russo Gail Hansen	Meg Montag	Lois Antl		Team 5 W Hansen J Flick J Schlott J Cutnaw L Carmean		Paul & Pat Luster
	11:00 Celebration	Cheryl Harkema	Liz & Jeff Campbell	Jon Montag			Team 6 H Daniels G Hrivnak R Genther M & H Hollingsworth	Nancy Goette Pat Gugliotta	
3/20	7:00 Lent						Team 3 T Salay D Henning D Moore M Eckert P Milloy W Crawford	Sandy Henning Amy Russo Joyce Moore	
3/24	8:30 Celebration	Lynnette Ozanich	Barb Spatz Anna Mae Migra	Liz Wittmann	Jan Bairoti		Team 7 R Winwood B Trausch J Holden R French B French J Sears		Adam & Jennifer Hinton
	11:00 Traditional	Amy Kurek	Linda Jungeberg Lois Wolfe	Dave Hall			Team 8 L Walker J Sears G Grizzell S Harkema	Barb & Harold Daniels	Alice Chadbourne Nancy Thompson
3/27	7:00 Lent						Team 4 B Wester A Krueger P Sultan P Sultan D Cain W Hansen	Diane Barrett Jane Krisher	
3/31	10:00 Traditional	Jane Krisher	Marilyn Niksa Liz Wittmann	Mike King	Jan Bairoti		Team 6 H Daniels G Hrivnak R Genther M & H Hollingsworth	Nancy Goette Pat Gugliotta	

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE SOUP SUPPERS BEFORE
THE LENTEN SERVICES THIS YEAR.**

MARCH 31ST POTLUCK

Please join us after the 10:00 a.m. service for a potluck and time of fellowship. If your last name begins with A-G, please bring a salad or side dish. If your last name begins with H-M, please bring a main dish. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert.



**PASTOR SKILLMAN WAS ON VACATION
PASTOR'S CORNER WILL RETURN NEXT MONTH**

APRIL LECTORS-SERVERS

8:30
11:00

07-Apr	LECTOR	Mel Grunau	Dave Hall
	SERVERS	Dick Henning	Dave Hall
		Donna Tindera	Chris Hall
14-Apr	LECTOR	Mike King	Linda Jungeberg
	SERVERS	Linda King	Sharon Lappin
		Mike King	Bev Hubler
21-Apr	LECTOR	Kara Krywyj	Bonnie Sears
	SERVERS	Mel Grunau	Lynne Morella
		Sue Grunau	Linda Jungeberg
28-Apr	LECTOR	Lynnette Ozanich	Bette Idemoto
	SERVERS	Lynnette Ozanich	Cathie Varnes
		Anna Mae Migra	Lois Wolfe

FINANCIALS

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

January 31, 2019

Income and Expenses Summary	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	Over/(Under) Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
Income				
Congregational Contributions	\$ 24,880.00	\$ 40,861.00	\$ (15,981.00)	\$ 33,831.05
Building Use	235.00	600.00	(365.00)	335.00
Interest	15.80	15.00	0.80	7.91
Other Income	0.00	600.00	(600.00)	5.48
Total Income	\$ 25,130.80	\$ 42,076.00	\$ (16,945.20)	\$ 34,179.44
Expenses				
Benevolence	2,488.00	4,210.00	1,722.00	3,383.10
Worship	723.65	1,235.00	511.35	-
Programs & Services	1,138.28	902.00	(236.28)	134.95
Property	4,273.93	9,342.00	5,068.07	4,246.43
Staff Salaries and Benefits	16,981.95	20,552.00	3,570.05	16,992.33
Contracted Services	2,492.00	2,750.00	258.00	2,469.17
Administration & Support	691.73	2,446.00	1,754.27	2,523.44
Total Expenses	28,789.54	41,437.00	12,647.46	29,749.42
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (3,658.74)	\$ 639.00	\$ (4,297.74)	\$ 4,430.02

Income and Expenses Summary Notes:

Income

The YTD period ending January 31, 2019 has an operating deficit of \$3,659, a decrease of \$8,089 from January 31, 2018. Congregational Contributions through January 2019 are \$9K less than contributions received through January 2018. Note that we lost one Sunday for weather. Building Use/Other Income is \$100 less than the amount at this time last year. Total Income at January 31, 2019, is \$9K less than at January 31, 2018. Congregational Contributions are under budget by \$16K and Total Income is under budget by \$17K as of January 31, 2019.

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

Expenses

Total expenses were under budget by nearly \$13K as of January 31, 2019. Total expenses YTD are \$1K less than total expenses as of January 2018.

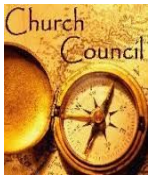
Note: Benevolence payments are percentages of contributions. Therefore, when contributions are higher, benevolence payments are higher.

Balance Sheet Summary	As of January 31, 2019	As of January 31, 2018	Variance
Assets			
Current Assets (Cash)	\$ 113,715.43	\$ 110,315.70	\$ 3,399.73
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00	0.00
Invested Assets (Endowment)	581,169.48	603,173.57	(22,004.09)
Total Assets	\$ 3,736,433.91	\$ 3,755,038.27	\$ (18,604.36)
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ 8,288.83	\$ 56,478.81	\$ (48,189.98)
Loan from Endowment Fund	7,528.00	19,417.00	(11,889.00)
Payroll Withholding	2,795.22	6,737.62	(3,942.40)
Accrued Expenses and Other	150.00	100.00	50.00
Dedicated Fund Balances	149,849.20	55,536.00	94,313.20
Total Liabilities	\$ 168,611.25	\$ 138,269.43	\$ 30,341.82
Equity			
General Fund	\$ (47,367.82)	\$ (8,536.73)	\$ (38,831.09)
Investments (Endowment)	573,641.48	583,756.57	(10,115.09)
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00	0.00
Total Equity	\$ 3,567,822.66	\$ 3,616,768.84	\$ (48,946.18)
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 3,736,433.91	\$ 3,755,038.27	\$ (18,604.36)

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



With Spring just around the corner, it seems everyone is coming out of their hibernation and looking to get out and get moving. We are seeing an increase in requests to use our building for both church and non-church sponsored events and meetings. If you are using the building, or holding an event, please make sure it is on the Church calendar. Rae and Sherrill maintain the calendar from the Church office.

Be on the lookout as we re-form our committee structure, over the next couple of months. We will be looking for volunteers to serve in Finance, Property, Worship, Education, and Outreach. No one is too young or too old to help out, whether that is for short time or long. We all make the difference.

Yours in Christ,

Dean L. Firing
President

Please contact any member of the church council with questions or concerns: Peter Brumenschenkel, Dean Firing, Jack Flick, Randy Genther, Jennifer Hinton, Kara Krywyj, Jon Montag, Lynne Morella, Aaron Ozanich, Pastor Skillman



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee continues to concentrate on researching the details of proposed repairs and improvements, and then determining the scope, cost, and timing of the work required.

The details of the project to re-roof the Sanctuary have also been reviewed. However, the Council has instructed Property not to award a contract until a clearer picture of this year's income is evaluated. The financial shortfall for 2018 may force postponement of the work.

The committee is also investigating options on how to approach the repair of the rotted areas of wood framing around some of the stained glass windows. The goal is to find a band-aid to apply now to stop further damage, and then a longer term plan to repair the damaged wood in stages that we can financially support.

The Church property sustained no wind damage from the storm on Feb 24th. Great news here!!

Thanks to the Congregation for your continued faith in the Property Committee and the 15 Year Plan by approving of the 2019 Budget. Please prayerfully consider your giving status so that the Church Council and Property Committee can confidently proceed with the continued replacement of items before they fail and require emergency measures.

Jim Jungeberg

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



SUNDAY SCHOOL-

Come and join us! It is never too late. Please join us from 9:45-10:45 each Sunday. Meet some great teachers, friendly kids, and have lots of fun while you learn a lot. Bring a friend, neighbor, cousin or your grandkids. Hope to see you!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH-

Calling all kids! Please join us for our Children's Church gatherings. Please join us on March 10 & 24 at both the 8:30 & 11:00 services. Kids of all ages are welcome as we learn through stories, songs, crafts, games and puppet shows. Hope you will join us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-

Making Summer plans? You won't want to miss our 2019 VBS here at St. Paul. Our theme this year is "ROAR - Life is Wild * God is Good". Please mark your calendars for July 8-12 from 9:30-Noon. During the months of March & April, we will be looking for adult and youth leadership (ages 11 on up). There are many jobs needed to provide our children with a safe week full of learning and fun. Please consider coming aboard to provide leadership for this exciting week for our St. Paul children and the children from so many communities. Kids 4-10, it will be your turn to sign up during the months of May and June. Can't wait! Should be fun!

ARISTOCRAT NEWS-

It is with a sad heart that we report that the children's ICF unit at the Aristocrat has closed. The adult section of the Aristocrat has remained open, only the children's building has closed. Many of us at St. Paul have visited the children there for many years. We have become game experts and have played hundreds of games of Uno with the kids. We have made friends with so many and we certainly know that they have touched our lives forever. The nurses at the Aristocrat wanted to send their thanks to all of the folks at St. Paul who came to be with these wonderful kids. They wanted to pass their thanks on to all of you. As they find new homes for these children, we send our love to all of them for helping to build friendships that will be remembered forever. Love you kids! sm

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CALENDAR

March 3 9:45-10:45 Sunday School

March 10 8:30 Children's Church
9:45-10:45 Sunday School
11:00 Children Sing in Worship
11:00 Children's Church

March 17 9:00-9:40 Ukuleles
(SS Office - All ages are welcome)
9:45-10:45 Sunday School

March 24 8:30 Children's Church
9:45-10:45 Sunday School
11:00 Children's Church

March 31 5th Sunday
10:00 Worship
No Sunday School
Watch for upcoming details

Susan Moore 440-243-1144 ext. 207; email: children@stpaulbera.org





YOUTH JAM SCHEDULE

March 3 & 17

6:30-8:30pm Pizza and Soda Provided. Bring a snack to share!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

March 26 - 2pm Captain Marvel
- sign up by March 17

March 31- IX Center Amusement Park Noon to 4pm

April 6 - 10am Cleveland Metroparks Volunteer Project
(Open to ALL)

April 19 - 7pm Tetelestai

Please sign up for the events on the board outside the Youth Room. All ages are invited to each of these!

Amanda PerryMiller 216-856-2718; e-mail: aperrymiller@stpaulbera.org

Heading to the IX Indoor Amusement Park?

Join the Youth and SAVE on tickets!

Regular admission - \$25

Senior Tickets - \$11 Saturday or Sunday, Free Monday to Friday

Children 3 and under - FREE

Group price - \$19

\$11 for Seniors 60+

Plus group meal offer! - \$7

Your choice of all beef hot dog, chips and a 16 ounce drink or slice of pizza and 16 ounce drink.

Youth will be attending on March 31. Meet at church following the 10 o'clock service. Parents/drivers are necessary even if you do not plan to attend.

To purchase tickets with the group please fill out the bottom and return with cash or check to the church office ATTN: Amanda. Money and order is due by March 18. Tickets will be emailed to you. Please provide an email address below. Tickets purchased as part of the group maybe used any day during the event, March 29-April 22 .

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Tickets: _____ **@\$19 per ticket**

Meals: _____ **@\$7 per meal**

Total \$: _____


**Checks made payable to St. Paul. Due to the Office No later than
March 17, 2019**

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING!

Youth Flower Sale with Dean's Greenhouse

Will begin once the flyers from Dean's arrive! Please stay tuned! Orders will be due back by April 14 and will be delivered on May 10, just in time for Mother's day!

COMMUNITY NIGHT AT FIVE GUYS



ST. PAUL
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Community Night

FIVE GUYS®

Monday, April 29, 2019
5:00pm - 8:00pm

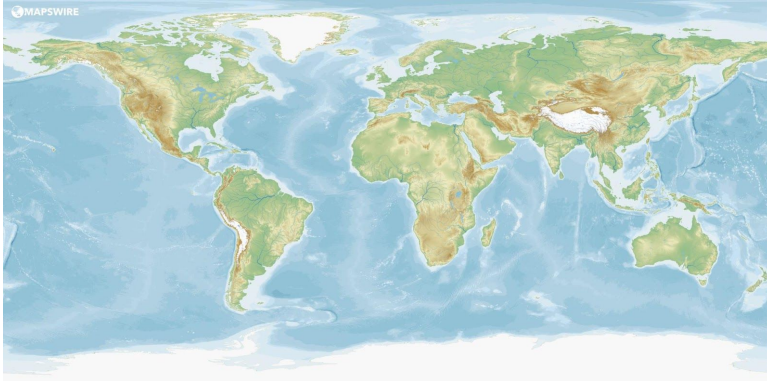
17695 Bagley Rd., Middleburg Heights
(440) 239-7880
8249 W. Ridgewood Rd., Parma
(440) 842-0095
15171 Pearl Rd., Strongsville
(440) 268-9968

Present this flier or simply mention that you
are there to support the
St. Paul Lutheran Youth Group Summer Work Camp.
Five Guys will donate up to
25% of your purchase to the
St. Paul Youth Group.

The youth will also be helping Lisa Cormack with the upcoming fundraisers for Jaina and Chesley, mainly by asking for donations. If you or anyone you know owns a business and would like to donate an item to their raffle baskets, please let Amanda know.

Please help us raise the necessary funds for our little friends!

WHEELS FOR THE WORLD



Did you know a team leaves nearly every 2 weeks for an overseas destination to distribute wheelchairs? That is over 2 dozen teams/year. Each team distributes between 200-400 wheelchairs, walkers, canes and crutches. That is a lot of chairs!

Where do they come from? Some chairs like this one is built specifically for Wheels for the World to serve children. These chairs have lots of adjustments for customizing to the child's needs, and also to grow with the child for a while.

But most are used wheelchairs, collected by "Chair Corps" teams around the country. They are shipped to prisons where inmates refurbish them to new condition. The chairs, walkers, canes and crutches come from individuals and institutions like nursing homes. The walkers and canes are not only issued to people to address mobility issues, they can also be used to fabricate modifications to the wheelchairs.



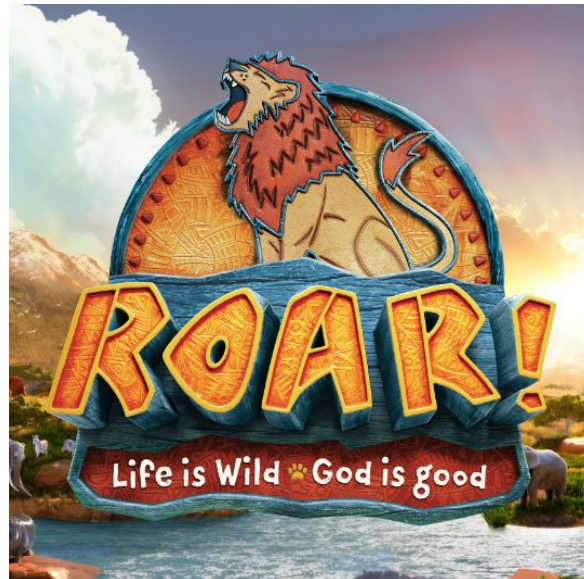


This summer, St.Paul's will be a drop off location for Northeast Ohio. Equipment accepted include wheelchairs, walkers, canes and crutches also. I have thought about our church doing this for a few years. The nearest west side donation locations are usually in Akron and Elyria, nothing close to Cleveland! Being so close to I-71 and easy to navigate to, it seemed, as usual, our location was ideal. Council has approved this activity/building use. As the time draws closer I will be asking for assistance on Saturday, Aug 10th to help accept donations and organize them into temporary storage until a truck comes later in the week to pick them up.

So, this year I will not be joining a ministry team overseas. I struggled with if I should return to the Middle East, or join a team at some other location. Seems God has something else he wants me to do - Gathering equipment to support many teams!

Jan Bairoti

SHEEP AND GOATS FOCUS



ST. PAUL VBS

Our 2019 VBS will be held July 8-12 from 9:30-noon.

The theme this summer is “ROAR!-Life is Wild-God is good”. Each summer we have children and youth that come from 30 different churches and many without home churches. We are so happy to have them join us here at St.Paul. Each day a single Bible point is introduced to the children and youth. They are reinforced daily at every station. Our children learn that Jesus gives us hope, courage, direction, power and love. These will be reinforced through song, dance, puppet shows, skits, crafts, games, snacks and Bible stories. Roar VBS is an African adventure for the entire crew. Students will learn that God is good and will stay with them forever.

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

True stewardship is the deliberate, responsible management of all that God has given us - time, abilities, and resources. Some of the ways we respond with our resources are through - **Regular Giving:** This relates to current expenses and benevolences. Each member joins with the whole fellowship in support of the entire mission of the church, both locally and throughout the world.

EASTER CANDY FUNDRAISER BENEFITTING THE PRE-SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

An Easter candy fundraiser for our pre-school will be held from March 4th to April 1st. Order forms are outside the office or you can order online at :

<https://malleys.com/fundraising/campaign/st-paul-1>

If your online order is over \$65, the candy will be sent directly to you and the pre-school will still get the credit. Super easy! If you order less than \$65 online or by paper order form, the candy will be available for pick up in the hall outside the office beginning April 14. Money is due at time of order. The funds raised are to support the scholarship fund for pre-school.



MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR CHURCH STREET MINISTRIES

Paper products
for home and personal use

In addition all canned, boxed, shelf
stable food is welcome every month



COMMISSION ON AGING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS



Tuesday, March 12th, at noon
the Senior Luncheon will
be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church
Cost \$5.00

Contact the
"Active Senior Network"
for reservations
at 440 891-3316

MEMORIALS

Dominic Dinardis
Nadean Thumm



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FIRST CLASS

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Spring forward 1 hour
 Sunday, March 10th



St. Paul's Altar Guild Easter Flower Order 2019			
Name as you wish it to appear in the bulletin:			
FROM: _____			
PHONE: _____			
_____ Lily \$ 6.50	_____ Mums \$ 9.25	_____ Daffodils \$6.50	
_____ Azaleas \$ 10.00	_____ Hydrangea \$13.50		
_____ We will PICK UP		_____ Altar Guild should Give to SHUT-IN	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>_____ TO THE GLORY OF GOD</p> <p>_____ In memory of _____</p> </div>			
Deadline for ordering: March 31, 2019			
Cash or check to " St. Paul Altar Guild " Questions? Contact Beth Boerke 216-410-4669 or church 440 243-1144			
Include cash / check with this form and return to the office or put in the box on the Desk outside the office.			
* You may pick up your plant after the 11:00 Service on Easter Sunday! Office hours: M-F 9AM-4PM			