



ST. PAUL HIGHLIGHTS

July 2020

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS MONTH

JULY 3RD-OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 4TH-INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 5TH-1ST SERVICE BACK IN SANCTUARY-11AM

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. Beginning on July 5th we will continue our drive in services with a time change to 9am, and add 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 if you can help with the music.

JULY SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Jaina Cormack - Birthday-July 6th



If you have a special occasion for August that you would like published, please contact the office before July 15th to have it included in the August newsletter.



A Sermon by the 2nd Continental Congress, July 4, 1776

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary
for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another,
and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the
Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them,
a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires
that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident,
that all men are created equal,
that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights,
that among these are
Life,
Liberty,
and the pursuit of Happiness.

-That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men,
deriving their powers from the consent of the governed,
-That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends,
it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it,
and to institute new Government,
laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form,
as to them shall seem most likely to affect
their Safety
and Happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established
should not be changed for light and transient causes;
and accordingly all experience hath shewn,
that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable,
than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

But when a long train of
 abuses
 and usurpations,
pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute
Despotism,
it is their right,
it is their duty,
to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

-Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies;
and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of
Government.

The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of
 repeated injuries
 and usurpations,
all having in direct object the establishment of
 an absolute Tyranny over these States.
To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance,
unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained;
and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them...

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States;
for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners;
refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither,
and raising the conditions of new Appropriation of Lands...

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices...

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our
legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power...

He has abdicated Government here,
 by declaring us out of his Protection
 and waging War against us...

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us...

In every state of these Oppressions
We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms:

Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury.
A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant,
is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren.
We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature
to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us
We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here.
We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity,
and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these
usurpations,
which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence.
They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity.
We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation,
and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress,
Assembled,

appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions,
do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies,
solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be

Free and Independent States;
that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown,
and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain,
is and ought to be totally dissolved...

And for the support of this Declaration,
with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence,
we mutually pledge to each other
our Lives,
our Fortunes
and our sacred Honor.

FINANCIALS

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

May 31, 2020

Income and Expenses Summary	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	Over/(Under) Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
Income				
Congregational Contributions	\$ 158,313.24	\$ 168,335.00	\$ (10,021.76)	\$ 163,032.76
Building Use	1,735.00	3,250.00	(1,515.00)	3,739.00
Interest	8.90	75.00	(66.10)	81.54
Other Income	1,043.04	2,335.00	(1,291.96)	3,042.31
Total Income	\$ 161,100.18	\$ 173,995.00	\$ (12,894.82)	\$ 169,895.61
Expenses				
Benevolence	3,166.27	3,365.00	198.73	16,303.22
Worship	5,016.92	7,262.00	2,245.08	4,959.70
Programs & Services	1,216.82	7,259.00	6,042.18	5,064.89
Property	21,094.78	43,280.00	22,185.22	26,790.80
Staff Salaries and Benefits	82,559.45	90,534.00	7,974.55	94,414.80
Contracted Services	9,400.00	13,335.00	3,935.00	12,460.00
Administration & Support	6,551.54	10,225.00	3,673.46	7,809.90
Total Expenses	129,005.78	175,260.00	46,254.22	167,803.31
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 32,094.40	\$ (1,265.00)	\$ 33,359.40	\$ 2,092.30

Income and Expenses Summary Notes:

Overall Comments and Income Review

The YTD period ending May 31, 2020, has an operating surplus of \$32,000, just over \$30,000 more than at May 31, 2019. Congregational Contributions through May 2020 are almost \$5K less than contributions received through May 2019. This is, however, about \$3000 better than April. We expected contributions to be behind during the pandemic. There has been no Building Use during the pandemic. Total Income at May 31, 2020, is just under \$8800 less than at May 31, 2019. Congregational Contributions are under budget by a little more than \$10k and Total Income is under budget by nearly \$13,000 as of May 31, 2020. 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 \$46,000 as of May 31, 2020. Total expenses YTD are almost \$39k less than total expenses as of May 2019.

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 May 31, 2020	As of May 31, 2019	Variance
Assets			
Current Assets (Cash)	\$ 204,769.24	\$ 106,290.95	\$ 98,478.29
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00	0.00
Invested Assets (Endowment)	638,150.71	589,718.18	48,432.53
Total Assets	\$ 3,884,468.95	\$ 3,737,558.13	\$ 146,910.82
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,979.12	\$ 3,799.00	\$ (1,819.88)
Loan from Endowment Fund	0.00	-	0.00
Payroll Protection Program Temp Loan	40,419.00	-	40,419.00
Payroll Withholding	0.00	4,525.83	(4,525.83)
Accrued Expenses and Other	250.00	150.00	100.00
Dedicated Fund Balances	147,249.48	140,675.74	6,573.74
Total Liabilities	\$ 189,897.60	\$ 149,150.57	\$ 40,747.03
Equity			
General Fund	\$ 16,071.64	(41,659.62)	\$ 57,731.26
Investments (Endowment)	638,950.71	588,518.18	48,432.53
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00	0.00
Total Equity	\$ 3,694,571.35	\$ 3,588,407.56	\$ 106,163.79
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 3,884,468.95	\$ 3,737,558.13	\$ 146,910.82

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



July 5th Saint Paul will begin offering two ways to worship together at church. The Parking Lot service will be at 9:00am. A service in the sanctuary will be at 11:00am. This will continue all summer.

In order to create a safe, healthy, environment there will be changes for the inside service. Changes not only during worship, but also the way we will enter, how we sit, and exit. This may be the new normal. This may be an evolving process as time moves forward. A congregational mailing and email were shared explaining the necessary changes.

For those who wish to stay home longer, the 11am service will be streamed live and recorded so one could watch it live or at any time.

Volunteers are needed as always for both the parking lot service and the sanctuary service. Such as vehicle ushers, ushers and greeters inside, altar guild, liturgists, and sound & stream team members. Your help is appreciated. Please contact the office if you can assist.

Our goal is to reach as many members and visitors as possible. Help to make that a reality!

Randy Genther, Council President

Please feel free to speak with any of the Council members: Pastor Dan Skillman, Vice President Aaron Ozanich, Recording Secretary Jennifer Hinton, Lynne Morella, Peter Brumenschenkel, Rob Winwood, Phil Sultan, and Donna Tindera



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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 Covid 19 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 minimize the potential exposure by 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.

Colony Roofing is planning to begin replacement of the Sanctuary roof the week of July 6th. There should be no interference with other events also beginning that week.

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's 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

MORE PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE CHURCH

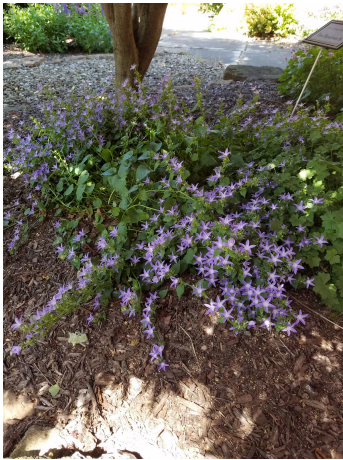
(so you can see what you've been missing)



Peonies along East side of Church



Cut Peonies



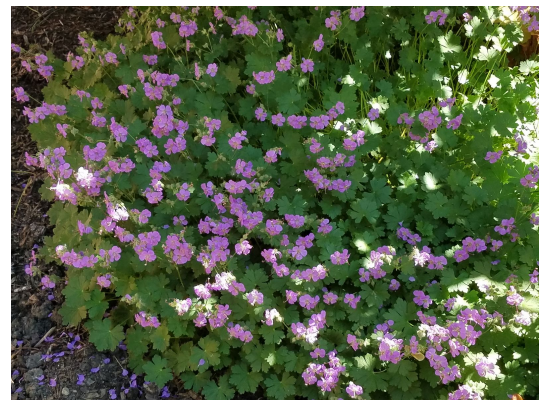
Campanula? in courtyard



Salvia? In courtyard



Clematis in courtyard



Wild Geranium in courtyard

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



HELLO KIDS & FAMILIES-

Been thinking about all of you & hope that you are all safe & are enjoying our beautiful weather. Sunday School will be beginning the Sunday after Labor Day. Can't wait to see you again and hear about all that you have been doing. Stay safe & keep having fun!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THANK YOUS-

Even though we were unable to have our VBS this Summer, I have many people to thank. At the very beginning of March, I put up a bulletin board to have our youth and adults sign-up to provide leadership in all areas of our VBS week. Within a week, folks had signed up to cover all of these areas. We were so disappointed that we had to cancel our week, but we knew that safety had to be our #1 concern. Thank you VBS volunteers for bringing your enthusiasm, knowledge, and your desire to spread the word to our children. Your support of our VBS is overwhelming. I thank you so much for your loyalty to our VBS program. Can't wait for Summer 2021!

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CALENDAR

NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED



JULY YOUTH NEWS

NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED



Due to the CoronaVirus, our preschool closed on March 26th, 2020. During the next two months, our teachers, Elizabeth Campbell and Sharon Genther, did a wonderful job. They had to plan and revise activities, and try new ideas. By thinking outside the box, they made it work. They stayed in contact with the parents, provided online lessons and Zoom meetings. None of this, could have been accomplished, without the ideas/support and help from Aaron Ozanich. During this time Georgianna Rohde worked long hours, securing a loan/grant, to cover salaries. A great team, did great work.

Thank you,

The Preschool Board



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 those Lectors, Liturgists, and Communion Assistants. Your service is important. Thank you!



A huge Thank You to Linda Jungeberg and Caryn and Emily Hartman for cleaning up the courtyard.....trimming shrubs, cutting back flowers that were done blooming, etc. It looks wonderful! Please see the pictures of the currently blooming plants on page 9.

DID YOU KNOW?

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

You have probably seen Susan Moore in the Sunday School wing on Sunday mornings or waiting at the back of the church twice a month to take the kids to Children's Church. And we all know what a fantastic job she does coordinating our Vacation Bible School which attracts children from all over the community! Here is a little more about Susan!

Susan Moore grew up in Cleveland, Ohio and moved to Fairview Park in her High School years. She went to Baldwin-Wallace College with an undergraduate degree in Education and later a Masters Degree from BW in Elementary Education. Susan began teaching in the Strongsville City Schools in grades kindergarten, first and second grades. During her teaching career, she was named a Martha Holden Jennings Scholar and Strongsville's Teacher-of-the-Year.

Susan met Roy at BW and got married right after graduation. They moved to Berea when Roy began to coach football at BW and that started their connection to St. Paul. Susan has two sons, Adam & Brandon, 29 & 30 and two German AFS sons, Felix and Martin. They have a grandson named Holden and a lovable goldendoodle named Cooper. The Moores love to travel to Maine every summer and also spend time at Lakeside with family several times throughout the summer.

Susan said that she absolutely loves working with kids and families and is so honored to be on staff at St. Paul.



THE WHEELS FOR THE WORLD EQUIPMENT COLLECTION IS ON!



AUG 1ST 9AM – 1PM

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

276 EAST BAGLEY RD, BERE A

Wheels for the World, a program by nonprofit Joni and Friends, is holding a drive for used wheelchairs Aug 10th, 2019, from 9am – 1pm. Used wheelchairs, walkers, canes and crutches can be dropped off from 9-1 on Sat Aug 10th 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/

SHEEP AND GOATS FOCUS



CHURCH STREET MINISTRIES

"Going the Second Mile to Assist in Your Life Journey"

What Does Church Street Ministries Do?

- Operates a food pantry. Membership in the Cleveland Food Bank guarantees high standards.
- Offers donated clothing and household goods for all who need below retail rates and a distribution system for surplus donated goods for those in need.
- Works with the VA to help veterans in transition with household goods.
- Provides meeting space for community support groups.
- Cooperates with the courts in providing opportunities for individuals assigned to community service.
- Offers support and guidance to those needing emergency assistance.
- Collaborates with churches and other organizations who refer people in need.

Mission Statement:

Church Street Ministries is a non-profit organization providing food assistance, clothing, household goods and furniture for people in crisis and veterans in transition throughout the greater Cleveland community.

ONCE UPON A TIME....



JULY:

July was a very important month in our Church history, starting with the arrival of our first pastor, and a year later the adoption of our first constitution. For well over 100 years, Church Picnics were held in July, consisting of a typically abundant Lutheran potluck, hamburgers and hotdogs, along with games, talent shows, etc. Some picnics were held on

church grounds, others at the North Olmsted Park at Lorain and Porter Roads or occasionally other locations.

1866 - Pastor Fuehr arrived in NYC July 2nd

1867 - The first constitution of St. Paul's was adopted and signed.

1886 - Pastor Krebs began at St Paul's

1890 - a part of our congregation split and formally signed a constitution with the Missouri Synod forming St. John Lutheran Church, in Berea at that time, now in Strongsville.

1909 - Cornerstone at Front Street Church apparently laid, as July issues of "Jugend Blatt" (youth periodical), "Kirchenblatt" (church news publication) and "The Berea Enterprize" were found when the cornerstone was opened in Mar 1975.

1926 - Pastor Carl Henkleman became Pastor at St. Paul's

1938 - An organ donated by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Haag was dedicated at the Front Street location on July 31st.

1959 - A sanctuary fund was started to raise money for building the existing sanctuary addition.

1979 - up until July of 1979, Luther League and Teen League fundraising was completed via paper drives. Old newspapers were stored in one half of the garage, until pick-up. In July 1979 council voted for ending storage of the newspapers in the garage, effectively ending paper drives.

1990 - St Paul/Martin Luther Lutheran Church on the near west side became a partner church with St Paul's. It had been previously supported and helped by the Adult SS class which continued.

2000 - Pastor Novak left to accept another call

2005 - A Luther League reunion was hosted over a weekend, with Pastor Bill Wilkins and Parish Worker Della Koester as special guests.

2016 - 150th Anniversary 'Big Event', Bishop Allende guest speaker with a catered meal following in Berea High School cafeteria.



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FIRST CLASS
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July 

**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.**